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Hogg fails to quash sacking rumours

Rebecca Smithers

HE Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, fuelled speculation yes-terday that John him for failing to negotiate an end to the ban on British beef

out its threat of a legal chal-lenge to Europe.

Yesterday, in an interview on Today on BBC Radio 4, Mr Hogg — who has effectively been sidelined by Mr Major's decision to appoint a second decision to appoint a so-called war cabinet for the beef crisis did nothing to dispel speculation about his precarious position. He refused to say whether he had offered to resign out said he was "not by instinct a quitter". He tacitly acknowledged his vulnerabil-ity in the expected summer reshuffle by adding: "All ministers' jobs are at the disposal of the Prime Minister and if it better, I will accept his decision with as much grace as I

With Britain's "non co-oneration" policy with the European Union in place, Euro-sceptic anger is likely to flare next week when a team of European officials arrives to check that British abattoirs are carrying out slaughter

are carrying out slaughter regulations correctly.

Papers applying for an interim ruling to suspend the ban "in whole or in part" were lodged with the European Court of Justice, the Ministry of Agriculture said last night, adding: "The Government is still seaking to negotiate a solution, but there has been insufficient progress."

Court officials in Luxenbourg said a hearing could be arranged within the next two to four weeks but it will take at least 10 months before the court delivers a final verdict.

Yes or no?

How Douglas Hogg answered questions about his future:

John Humphrys: Do you think there's a problem with your own position, because there seems to be no confidence in you, we're told. Douglas Hogg: I'm not by instinct a quitter. This is a difficult and interesting job, I like doing it and I'm very happy to go on doing it. But it's equally true that all ministers' jobs are at the disposal of the Prime Minister and if he feels someone else would do it better, then I would accept his decision with such grace as I can muster.

Humphrys: Have you offered to resign? Hogg: Ah, that's another matter, isn't it? Humphrys: Well, is it? Hogg: No, no, ah, what I said to you is broadly what I've said to quite answer the question of whether you've offered to resign, does it? Hogg: Well, I've answered the

Humphrys: I didn't understand the answer. Hogg: Well, that's your misfortune, if you'll forgive me saying so.

Humphrys: All right, do you feel you've been sidelined? Hogg: No, I certainly don't

that the European Commission president, Jacques Santer, has postponed a visit to address a meeting in Newcastle next month.

Officials said that the decision was caused by diary pressures and will be reinstated in the autumn, but it was also being said that the visit could have been inappro-priate in the middle of the row over beef, even though Britain's dispute is not with

member states.

A group of seven European experts, accompanied by Minlstry of Agriculture officials and led by a Finnish vet and an Italian health ministry official, will next week arrive at premises unannounced to carry out the inspections.

After the three-day visit, which starts on Tuesday, they will send a report to Brussels which will are before the

which will go before the following week's agriculture ministers' council.
The inspections are likely to be decisive in determining whether the ban on beef by products such as semen, gela-

products such as semen, gela-tin and tallow is lifted at the council meeting on June 3 and 4, because they will show whether British beef handlers are still evading the law. Gavin Strang, Labour's agriculture spokesman, al-leged in a speech in Edin-burgh yesterday that in the eight weeks to the end of March, when the BSE crisis first emerged, eight mills profirst emerged, eight mills profound to be allowing mamma lian protein into the product in defiance of regulations introduced in 1989.

In Brussels it emerged that the commission has delayed launching an £8 million advertising campaign to pro-mote beef in the wake of the crisis because it is felt that the timing would not be appropriate.

The crisis is also likely to delay the publication of a commission paper on future food policy in the EU. The paper is being redrafted in parts because suggested market solutions to food provision a previously favoured. sion — previously favoured by states like Britain — are

being rethought.
The quarrel over beef may even have extended the life of the much criticised common pensation, the entire industry

Chelsea shower show, and no sun to come



Raindrops kept falling at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday and a fountain helped to consolidate the water-logged mood

Martin Wainwright

HE drought-stricken basked in sunshine resterday as unside-down weather delivered rain and from London and other a cold snap to London and cities in search of warmth the South. The logic for and Whitsun peace.

moving Chelsea Flower Show to Harrogate never Despite the doom-lader badlands of the North forecasts from the Met

bers of people drove out

Many crawled to a halt in | there's a 15-mile tailback the Home Counties, with the RAC reporting traffic jams totalling 180 miles. "We can't understand it as the weather is so bad, but we are seeing the busiest start to a Bank Holiday for

on the M5 because of a collapsed drain, and other ams would stretch from London to Sheffield," The warm spell north of the Trent, though, is likely

to succumb to the custom-Turn to page 3, column 3 a long time," said a spokes-man. "The M25 is solid, forecasters warned of a

generally gloomy late May Apart from hostile isobars, a freak flock of storm petrels was sighted off the Devon coast yesterday. The birds only fly inshore

Horror greets Kenya's 'miracle cure' for Aids

Chris McGreal in Nairobi

SENIOR adviser to Kenya's president is sell-ing a government-funded "miracle cure" for Aids which, education workers say, has set back years of safe-sex projects — the most recent funded by a \$26 million World Bank grant agreed three months ago.

Professor Arthur Obel, leading doctor and chief sci-entist in President Daniel arap Moi's office, launched "Pearl Omega" in March with much fanfare in the state press, the personal endorse-ment of Mr Moi and praise from the administration in

Since the launch, thousands of the estimated 1 million Kenyans afflicted by Aids or being HIV positive have handed over £350 for a course of Pearl Omega, which comes in a wine bottle and is 5 per cent proof. Non-Kenyans are also

among the buyers. In sub-Sa-haran Africa alone, 13 million people are infected with the Within Kenya, about 60,000 of the sufferers are children. "We have hit a jackpot! walti Pearl Omega is the hottest cake in town," Prof Obel told cure.

a Kenyan newspaper. "The government has told me to go ahead, assuring me of the full backing of the system."
The drug is made by Blodiversity, a company set up spe-cifically for the purpose with government funds, and

aded by Mr Moi's former Prof Obel claims secret research proves that Pearl Omega causes a reversal of Aids symptoms and can even totally rid the body of the HIV

virus.
But he has refused to reveal what is in Pearl Omega, to produce anyone who has benefited from the drug, or to hold himself accountable to Kenya's professional medical

organisations.
Critics say he has used powerful political connections to intimidate the medi-

Although a health ministry board two weeks ago banned the sale of Pearl Omega in pharmacies, Prof Obel continues to dispense it from his medical practice, where ema-

Millions of pounds of for-eign ald, along with tons of free condoms, have been dedicated to persuading Kenyans to take Aids seriously. Britain and the World Health Organisation, through fund-ing for Kenyan family health projects, are among the

But Aids workers say they are running into increasing hostility from people who say safe sex no longer matters now that there is a cure.

On Tuesday, the courts are to hear an application by the Kenya Aids Society aimed at

cions by pointing to his his-tory. Six years ago, he was be-hind the launch of another widely hailed government-backed Aids "cure", which was taken seriously in Kenya. for several years before it was finally discredited.



The Schizophrenia Association of **Great Britain**

Anne finds BBC brickbat in 'thank you' bouquet

Andrew Culf . Media Correspondent

TELEVISION'S soporific sofa war came to a climax yesterday with an episode more dramatic than anything screened during the four-year ratings battle.
Anne Diamond,

£200,000-a-year queen of day-time television, renowned for her uneasy relations with col-leagues and bosses, could not resist one final petulant act to mark the passing of BBC1's Good Morning ... with Anne The fit of pique was

prompted by a thank you mes-sage from Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1 and the man who signed the show's death

According to one insider, Ms Diamond was handed a bouquet and fax message by Nigel Chapman, head of



Anne Diamond . . . piqued

Birmingham.

"She read the message and obviously did not agree with what Mr Yentob said about the programme and said: 'After what I have just read I could not possibly accept these flowers. It would be hypocritical'. Then she sim-

at a farewell party in

ply threw the flowers down on the floor." Mr Yentob's message had read: "A big thanks for all the hard work, professionalism and dedication over the past

By the time the BBC finally admitted defeat in the ratings battle, ITV's This Morning programme, hosted by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley, had one million viewers more than Ames and Nick.

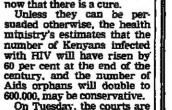
more than Anne and Nick Earlier, Ms Diamond, with her on-screen other-half, Nick Owen, bade a dignified fare-well: "It may be goodbye, but we are not going to look back, we are going to be looking at

the future."
What the future actually holds for the 41-year-old presenter, known as television's Queen Bee for her apparently effortless rise from the local ATV News to TV-am's soft and then Good Morning, is

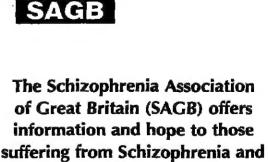
democracy tomorrow.

ssion into an uncomfortable silence. Mr Moi's office did not respond to requests for

ciated Aids sufferers pack the waiting room to turn over their savings for the supposed



forcing Prof Obel to reveal Pearl Omega's formula, to register it as a drug and to submit it to government pricing controls.
Critics back their suspi-



advice for patients and their families and information on the relevance of good nutrition. Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain

to relatives. Write for our free

information pack which includes

management suggestions, helpful

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Sport Reporters wishing to contact England players at their Hong Kong hotel were told every caller ... must give a password to be put through.

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The Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain acknowledges funding from the National Lottery Charities Board UK for a campaign for raising awareness about Schizophrenia

Boy, 13, is held 'as a hostage'

nd Barbie Dutter

HE 13-year-old British boy arrested and de-tained for a month by the Nigerian security forces is still being held "hostage", apparently because of his father's political connections, it emerged yesterday.

The confusion surrounding

John-Paul Mokulou's plight deepened after he spent most of yesterday being questioned by the authorities in Lagos, despite having been released from detention on Thursday and reunited with his family. The Nigerian authorities have asked to see the boy's passport and ordered him to

report to them twice a week. effectively barring his return home to London, where he lives with his mother.

It is unclear whether his yesterday was one of

those twice-weekly meetings

or if the boy had effectively deputy high commissioner in Lagos, said consular staff who saw John-Paul yesterday morning reported he was fit and cheerful. Intense diplomatic pressure would be

thorities wanted his father, Mr Hand said: "I think that is

The teenager was arrested last month while visiting his father and other relatives in the west African state.

gos on April 23, apparently to seize his father, who is be-lieved to be related to the imprisoned former president Major-General Olusegun

basanjo. John-Paul was kept under arrest in a security service building on the outskirts of

building on the outskirts of
I Lagos in an apparent attempt
to force his father, who escaped during the raid, to give
himself up.
The boy was released late
on Thursday and was expected to fly back to his Britain with his mother. But he
was still with the Nigerian
authorities last night after six
hours of "further
questionine"

questioning".
In Loudon, Foreign Office officials said they had "serious concerns" about the boy's case, and summoned representatives from the Nigerian High Commission for an

emergency meeting.
Although John-Paul was born in Britain, and is travelling on a British Passport een rearrested.
Graham Hand, Britain's told his MP, Glenda Jackson. who represents Hampstead and Highgate, that they are unable to take further action to ensure his safety because of his dual nationality.

matic pressure would be brought to bear on the Nigerian authorities to allow the boy to return home.

Asked by BBC Radio 4's World at One if John-Paul was being kept as a sort of "hostage" because the authorities wanted his father. Last night Ms Jackson said: Lagos does everything in its power to ensure John-Paul's

Nigeria was suspended from the Commonwealth in November and sanctions imposed against it following the hanging of human rights activist Ken Security forces raided the Saro-Wwa and eighouse he was visiting in Lafrom the Ogoni tribe. Saro-Wiwa and eight others

No easier ride for Howard

Two clear thinking reformers will head the iudiciary but, judges predict, life will be no less hard for the Home Secretary

ing from a savage attack on his sentencing policy by the outgoing Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, would not get an easier ride the conservative mind-set from his successor, Sir which has traditionally frus-

Thomas Bingham, senior lawyers and judges predicted.

Downing Street confirmed
yesterday that Sir Thomas
would take over the top job in
a disadvantage in the job's the English judiciary on June
4, with his job as Master of the criminal appeal system.
But he is expected quickly to The moves follow Lord | master a job described yester- | Now we've got a sort of hot-



Sir Thomas Bingham

ICHAEL Howard Taylor's enforced retirement and, still smart-through ill health. They will place two of Britain's most open-minded judges at the apex of the judicial hierarchy.

day by Lord Donaldson, his house going on. Sir Thomas predecessor as Master of the may think the time has come Rolls, as a bed of nails.

Among the sharper nails Sir Thomas will have to contend with are the Home Secretary's proposals for minimum sentences and extending mandatory life sentences, resisted so robustly by Lord Taylor. Sir Thomas has not been an outspoken critic so far - unlike some judges he has no constitutional objections but few doubt he will play a key part in trying to defeat any bill which results.

Sir Thomas expressed

enormous regret" yesterday

that Lord Taylor, who has cancer, had to retire in such unhappy circumstances. He added: "I think all one can hope to do is to do one's best to build on the wonderful foundations he has laid." On several occasions Lord Taylor has won significant concessions from the Home Office by going public with his concerns. Sir Thomas, a less outgoing character, is ex-

pected to adopt a lower pro-file, while still defending the udges' corner. Lord Donaldson said: "Lord Taylor came in after a period of total silence, compounded by Michael Howard's absolutely amazing proposals:

to cool it and try to ensure the public is better informed." The battle between the

judges and the executive is unlikely to end if Labour wins the general election. The shadow lord chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, is a QC who has never been a judge, has none of Lord Mackay's instinct to protect the judges, and is a staunch defender of parliamentary sovereignty. Lord Woolf, aged 63, is a judicial activist championing judges' right to make law

Lord Irvine warned the judges about the danger of getting above themselves in a recent speech — a warning which the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, has so far refused to give.

Both Lord Woolf and Sir

Thomas have long supported incorporation of the Euroean Convention on Human Rights into English law. Labour is committed to the move, though it will mean a shift of power from Parliament towards the judges.

Lord Woolf will produce a final blueprint in July for the

biggest reform of the civil justice system this century, cut-ting the cost, complexity and delays which bedevil it.

Ill-informed public pose problem for judiciary in row with ministers over sentencing policy

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE public believe judges are too soft on criminals but they also greatly underes-timate how often courts send people to prison, according to

new research.
Half the public think at most 50 per cent of convicted rapists are sent to prison, whereas 91 per cent are jailed, according to a study by Mike Hough of South Bank univer-

sity, London. The findings suggest that if the judiciary are to win their hattle with Home Secretary Michael Howard over the in-troduction of mandatory minimum sentences for per-sistent criminals, they face a huge task in educating the public about the extent to which they now jail criminals.

The scale of that task is

☐ That half the public think make Britain's streets safer only 20 per cent of burglars go for ordinary citizens.

to prison. In fact 41 per cent are jailed. That half think only 20 per cent of muggers go to prison, when well over 50 per cent are jailed. "The public are really

pretty cynical about sentenc-ing," said Prof Hough. "If you ask whether sentencers are 'out of touch" then many say 'yes, they are out of touch and a large minority say they are 'deeply out of touch'. They considerably underestimate

the use of imprisonment." The research was endorse yesterday by a retired appeal court judge, Sir Frederick Lawton, who pinpointed the understandable media practice of only reporting cases in which sentences were unduly harsh or lenient as the root misunderstanding.

The row whether the courts are too soft rumbled on yes-terday with the Prime Minisunderlined by the other find-ings of Professor Hough's ard's claim that minimum ter's endorsement of Mr Howsentences were needed to

Clamper immobilised by guilt leaves job

TEVE Slack is enough to Orestore your faith in human nature. Just three weeks after starting his job as a wheel clamper he has walked away from earnings of

up to £20,000 a year because he was expected to clamp at he was too kind-hearted to do least 52 cars a month, with his job properly. He left his job at Interna-

tional Security, in Southamp ton and back into unemploy ment after the guilt got too

For a basic salary of £7,800,

monthly bonuses for addi-

tional vehicles. "I was basically told that I could be expecting to sam ley, was yesterday reported to about 220,000 a year if I worked have been critical of the "elithard at it," he said, "but I just ist" distribution of National wasn't the type for it.

Bottomley 'annoyed' by 'elitist' grants

THE National Heritage Sec retary, Virginia Bottom-Lottery grants by the Arts rie. Rumours were reported to have circulated in Whitehall that the two had "fallen

On Thursday it was an-nounced that the Royal Acad-emy for Dramatic Arts had received £22 million of Lottery

Council chairman, Lord Gow | money. Mrs Bottomley was said to have been "very upset" about the £50 million award to the Royal Opera House, describing it as "insensitive". She was also said to have been "concerned" about a grant of £31.6 million to the Royal

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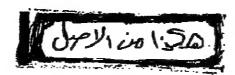
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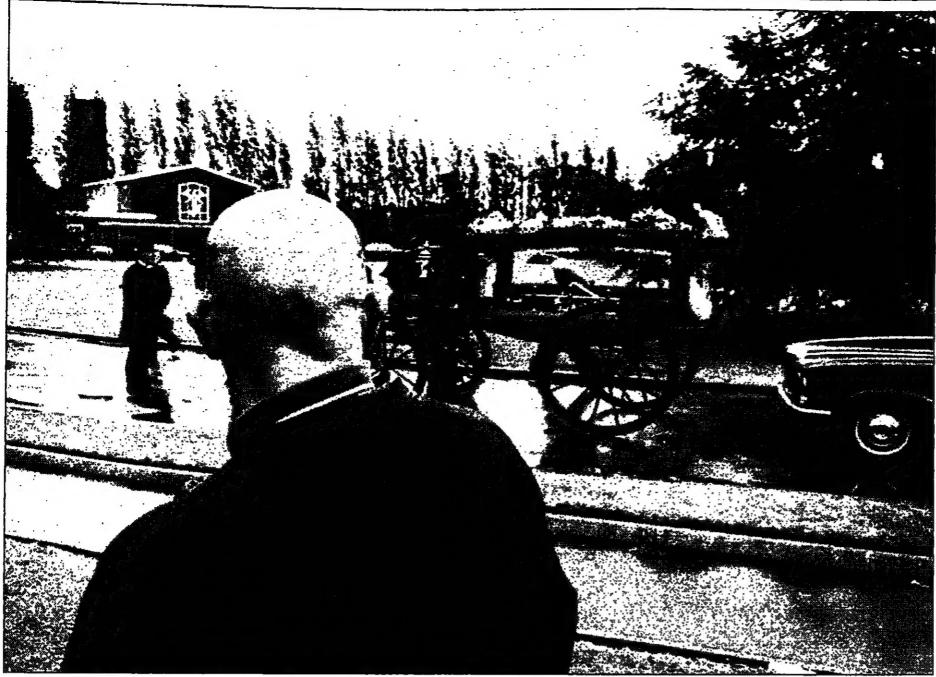
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The scene outside the crematorium in Lewisham, south London, yesterday at the funeral of veteran anarchist Albert Meltzer

Rifkind throws hat into ring

HE Foreign Secre-Malcolm tary, Malcolm Rifkind, was the latest Cabinet hopeful to launch an unabashed bid for the leadership of the Conser-vative Party yesterday, with a rare speech on domestic pol-icy in which he set out the

challenges facing the Tories over the next 10 years. Having declared a right-wing agenda on Europe this wing agenda on Europe this week through Britain's handling of the beef crisis, Mr Rifkind yesterday went beyond his own policy area, calling for a radical shift away from public provision towards the private sector for beatly the control of the sector for the s health, education and

In what was described by his aides as a "philosophical and reflective" speech on the long-term direction of Conservative social policy, he admit-ted that cuts in health and education would be sensitive but said they were essential if the public sector was to be ced in size.

"As a party, we believe in the freedom of the individual and the acceptance of individ-ual responsibility. That means in fiscal terms that we should always be looking to reduce the burden of taxation when it is fiscally prudent." Mr Rifkind's speech to

members of the Tory Reform Group was a lecture in mem-ory of the late Tory MP Alick Buchanan-Smith, which had been arranged some time ago. But at Westminster it was im-mediately seized upon as the

latest challenge for the Con-servative leadership, coming just days after speeches by rival contenders, the Chancel-lor, Kenneth Clarke, and the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell.

Mr Rifkind said that in the National Health Service, there should be a relentless search for efficiency savings by cutting out unnecessary administration and ensuring that doctors focus on proven

treatments.

And following the introduction of nursery vouchers. tion of nursery youchers, there had to be a further examination of the public and private mix in the provision of education.

Mr Rifkind deliberately avoided the question of pre-election tax cuts, and admitted that "achieving lower taxation is going to be seen more.

difficult in today's society be cause we have grown used to the constant cry that some thing must be done to remedy any failure and it should be the Government that does it." cheer Tory right-wingers who have been pressing for spending cuts in order to reduce

Just a day after he accused Tony Blair of undermining the Government's efforts to get the worldwide ban on British beef lifted, Mr Rifkind said: "Labour is Labour even in a sharp suit. New Labour are as much a threat to Scotland and the United Kingdom as the dinosaur which sired

"It is not our job to make Labour safe for Britain, it is

'And when I die, don't send me flowers . . .'

... Just ask what the boys in the back room | by Dietrich singing See What The Boys In The Back Room will have — and let's all have a good laugh. will have -- and let's all have a good laugh. Gary Younge on an anarchist's last rites

the anarchist movement, to his final resting place yesterday, you need only have fol-lowed the black and red stars that lined the roads from the aptly named Celestial Gardens to the local crematorium

stood proudly on the lapels and earlobes of the mourners. tails a plenty, who braved the weather to walk behind the horse-drawn funeral procession to the sounds of the Bill Stacks Southern Ragga Jazz

From the elderly veterans of the Spanish civil war in their black berets to the young white rastas in their 18-hole Doc Martens boots, the only part of the commu-nity that seemed to be missing were the scruffy does that they lead around on strings. During his life, Meltzer's

various jobs — fairground promoter, warehouseman and copytaker for the Daily Tele-

POLICE are hoping for a breakthrough this week-

end in the hunt for the road rage killer of Steve Cameron

after thousands of callers responded to an emotional televi-

More than 200 calls were

received in the two hours after Thursday's BBC

Crimewatch UK programme alone. Kent police said the response had been extraordi-

nary. Some names given to police were mentioned more

The information will be sifted by more than 20 officers this weekend. "This is a very long and laborious process, but it has to be done because we are determined that we

are going to get him," said a spokeswoman.
"We hope there will be new

lines of inquiry from the in-formation we have been given

hopes of catching killer

O FOLLOW Albert graph, to mention but a few— Meltzer, one of the most cherished figureheads of his passionate adherence to his own brand of anarcho-syndicalism which he had

pursued in a number of Nazi forces in pre-war

"Personally I want to die in dignity but have my passing celebrated with joility. I've a stand-up comedian in the pulpit telling amusing anecdotes, and the coffin to slide into the incinerator to the sound of Marlene Dietrich,"

were his last requests. He would not have been disappointed. After a few gags from the stand-up comedian Noel James, the coffin was whisked away, accompanied

Road rage appeal lifts police | Traffic jams

the Swanley intersection of the M25 by the driver of an

-registration Land Rover Discovery. His fiancee, Dan-ielle Cable, aged 17, who saw the killing, appealed for wit-

esses to come forward. One setback for detectives

is that there are nearly 18,000 L-registration Discoveries in Britain and not the 1,000 they

Police are convinced that

somebody is shielding the

Detective Superintendent
John Grace said some callers
were giving good information, but the calls were taking
a long time to work through.
The driver of the Land
Rover is described as in his

late thirtles to early fifties, 5ft

10in, medium build, with dark greying hair. The mur-der incident room telephone

• Ronald Francis, a 73-year-

old war veteran from West Sussex, was assaulted by

number is 01322 283170.

formation we have been given and that we will solve this sooner rather than later."

Mr Cameron, aged 21, was stabbed to death on Sunday at a two-finger gesture.

Then came a powerful song.
They Called Me Al, by David
Campbell, followed by a twominute video which simply
showed Meltzer laughing uncontrollably as someone at-tempted to interview him.

The congregation followed suit, but by the time they left the crematorium some were guises since the age of 15.

He had fought Mosley's blackshirts in Cable Street, shipped arms to the republican resistance during the can resistance during the representative of a credit card

In the end that was not nec-Before his death, at the age of 76, he had made specific climbed into two hired coaches and were taken away he thought would do him justion an afternoon of "jovial" for an afternoon of "jovial

> But as they left to drink a toast to the man who had been so resolute in all things political, Meltzer had put a question mark over the fate of

He wrote: "If I have miscal-culated ... and there really is a God, I'd like to feel if he's got any sense of humour or feeling for humanity, there's nobody he would sooner have in heaven than people like me. And if he hasn't, who

but not much sunshine for

bank holiday

continued from page 1 on the approach of rough weather.

The flock of 127 taking

refuge in Plymouth Sound is the largest recorded in the area. Flights of a different kind

were meanwhile helping to

cope with a last-minute rush to the sun, on the Con-

tinent and beyond, by some 1,500,000 Britons. On Monday, record num-bers of travellers are ex-

pected on Eurostar ser-vices, breaking the Channel Tunnel's Easter

total of 20,000 passengers

in one day.

One weather expert, BBC
Five Live's Philip Eden,
said Britain was heading
for its third coldest May

this century, with only those of 1902 and 1941

proving chillier.
But the Meteorological
Office offered some hope of

improved weather by Monday.

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On the face of it, the convict trade makes good sense. Why should cells stand empty while inmates in states like Arizona and New Jersey languish in tents?

Ian Katz, Outlook Front

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Police arrest 20 suspected ringleaders ● Images of 200 wanted men captured on film of Newcastle rampage

Raids herald crackdown on Euro 96 hooligans

Peter Hetherington

OLICE are planning a further crackdown on hundreds of soccer hooligans to prevent a series of dawn raids in the North-east yesterday.

Twenty suspected ring-leaders of a Newcastle group called the Gremlins were ar rested after police burst into 25 houses in Tyneside and Durham, and Northumbria Police will next week release photographs of 200 other wanted men filmed on closed circuit television cameras.

They were at the centre of rioting three weeks ago when almost 1,000 fans rampaged through Newcastle after the last match of the season.

Police said they had gained valuable information on orga-nised networks apparently bent on disrupting Euro 96, which begins in two weeks and lasts for much of June.

Their tactic is to continue arrests in the hope of removing potential troublemakers from the tournament - to be staged in Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield. Nottingham, Birmingurging strict bail conditions. Other forces are considering



Weapons seized during raids in the North-east yesterday when 20 suspected soccer hooligans were arrested

arsenal of weapons from machetes to imitation firearms
— will be passed to the foot-

ball unit of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, which has established links with European police forces.
Villa Park, Wembley, Old
Trafford and Nottingham's
City Ground have been high-

ture seized in yesterday's lighted as potential flash-raids, codenamed Operation points. More than 10,000 Harvest — as well as a small Turks are likely to arrive in points. More than 10.000 Turks are likely to arrive in Nottingham without tickets. Alan Oliver, an assistant chief constable in Northum bria, said yesterday that ma terial seized in yesterday's raids revealed a high level of

organisation among suspected hooligan groups. The potential for violence away from stadiums during the worrying". Northumbria officers have

already obtained copies of calling cards from the Grem-lins, based in the North-east. These state: "Euro '96. New-castle back on the map — Gremlins the new batch."

They have also been told that a group from Sunder-land, the Seaburn Casuals, has been placing posters in pubs saying they are "looking for blood" during the champtonships.

The Home Secretary Michael Howard said yester-day's raids were a tribute to the effectiveness of closed circuit television (CCTV). Newcastle boasts the most extensive CCTV network in the country, installed four years

Superintendent Peter Dur-ham, who co-ordinated the raids and chairs a national committee of senior officers preparing for Euro '96, said he would not be satisfied until many more were arrested. "We have identified 200 res

ponsible for a range of of-fences from violent disorder to theft and criminal dam-age," he added. "We will be asking people to identify them from photographs (to b released next week).

"We want to lay down a very positive marker that the police will be no soft touch for Euro '96."



United they stand . . . Bradford City chairman Geoffrey Richmond with Mohammed Aurangzeb of the Asian supporters' club and mosque president Khadim Hussein after midday prayers at the mosque yesterday

Anarchists plan football violence against racists and fascists

John Duncan Sports Correspondent

THE anarchist group Class War warned yesterday that it was planning to attack racists and fascists during the Euro 96 soccer tournament.

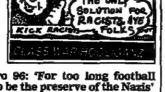
"For too long football hooli-ganism has been seen to be the preserve of the Nazis," said Dave Clark, spokesman for Class War. "With the conacts we have we can unite black and some white footy fans against the stupid racist Nazis. In Britain and Europe we have been monitoring the



Class War stickers for Euro 96: 'For too long football hooliganism has been seen to be the preserve of the Nazis'

any activities necessary to stickers include the slogans prevent their influence Class War Hooliganz have

started their campaign under the slogan Hooliganz with Attitude and have distributed 10,000 stickers to promote



cops, no bosses". Mr Clark said: "We welcome ordinary working class

"Hooligans slap racists and Nazis", "The only good racist

is a dead one" and "Power to

and British Nazis had better stay away if they know what

But Class War's stance was rejected by leading anti-racist campaigners in football. Kevin Miles, one of the fig-ures behind the video Show Racism the Red Card, released today, said: "The danger is that this sort of thing plays into the hands of people in authority who want to see racism as a public order issue on a par with spitting or bad language. They just see the battle against rac-ism as a battle between two sets of thugs, which it isn't.

"There aren't many hard core racists operating but there are plenty around them who are up for a ruck. If you set things like this up you are in danger of putting petrol on the flames, of helping the Nazis attract followers."

However, the Football Association and Euro 96 intelligence officers were not tak-ing Class War seriously last night, and neither were will-

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Mosques and churches echo high hopes of Bradford's faithful football fans for vital Wembley win

Martin Wakwright

HE graceful Urdu blessings of Imam Moham-med Bashir Tahil were punctuated at Friday prayers in Bradford yesterday by the unexpected words "Bradford City", "Wembley" and "First Division".

Religious leaders in the from the scene of last summer's riots. "This marbolley" and "First Division".

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worshippers in the former Anglican church in Man-Muslim morale-boosting to an inter-faith experiment

in "pray as you play".
Religious leaders in the
West Yorkshire city have
joined forces to test the

skills of Notts County in tomorrow's play-off for promotion to Division One. Christians, Muslims and other faiths will focus their minds on Wembley during the match, after ceremonies yesterday and tomorrow.

"It should be worth a one goal start at least," said City's chairman Geoffrey Richmond, sitting shoeless on the carpet of Victor Street mosque, only yards from the scene of last

At 6.30am tomorrow, a be held in the cathedral allowing time for Provost John Robertson and other clerical fans to catch sup-porters' coaches to London. Mr Robertson said: "This is an excellent way of ex-pressing the city's unity."

His sentiments were echoed by mosque president Khadim Hussein, who said: 'Football is very pop-



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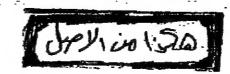
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'Obsessed' killer to be detained for life after shooting rampage

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rampage

FORMER civil servant who was ob-sessed with the devil and Hungerford mass killer Michael Ryan was yes-terday ordered to be detained at a secure mental unit for life at a secure menta, unit for the after going on a shooting spree, killing one man and wounding 16 others.

Robert Sartin went on the

ramapage in Monkseaton on Tyneside in April 1989 but his case took more than seven years to resolve because he was considered unfit to plead

Durham crown court heard yesterday that since the shootings Sartin, of Whitley Bay, north Tyneside, has been treated at Ashworth Hospital on Merseysdie, to which he has now returned.

Sartin, aged 22 at the time of the shootings, was charged with murdereing British Telecom manager Ken Mackin-tosh and attempting to mur-

As each charge was read As each charge was read coming across Mr Mackin-out to him, he replied: "Not guilty by virtue of insanity."



A police officer stands guard over the body of Ken Mackintosh in a Monkseaton street

David Robson, QC, told the court that Sartin left his home on April 30, 1989, armed with his father's double-bar-relled shotgun and drove to

Monkseaton.

First he shot Judith
Rhodes, aged 43, who was
driving along the road. He
then shot five others before

after hearing the shooting, was also shot. The final victim was an elderly woman, who was working in her front garden.

Sartin shot him with both barrels from a distance of 20 yards and then blasted him from a closer range. rom a closer range. Robert Wilson, aged 39, who Ordering that Sartin spend the rest of his life in a secure stepped out from his home unit, Mr Justice Kennedy told him: "There is no question that this tragedy came about

because you were, as you remain, a gravely ill man."

read out in court: "What I want my victims and the fam-ily of Mr Mackintosh to know is that their awful pain was not the result of a planned or intended crime and there was no pleasure involved.

"It was completely the product of a mental illness so evere that reality was taken over by insanity He concluded: "I am so very

Sorry."
The court heard that as a youth. Sartin was fascinated by the devil and serial killers. According to reports, he once went on a "pilgrimage" to Hungerford, scene of the 1987

massacre.

Marian Swan, a psychia-trist, said after the hearing that Sartin suffered from a

major psychotic illness, a form of schizophrenia.

She said the shootings came during a "short period of absolute insanity" and that Sartin had remained extremely

unwell ever since.
Dr Swan added that while at Ashworth Hospital, Sartin had become distressed about Sartin was arrested after an He ordered Sartin be "de the shootings in Dunblane unarmed police constable fol-tained without limit of time".



Shotgun killer Robert Sartin: considered unfit to plead for seven years

Schoolboy fascinated by occult, collecting and 'torturing the cat'

Vivek Chaudhary

OBERT Sartin once this stage was that it took the perverse, the obscene and the twisted to animate his interest in producing things to do with the occult

and torturing the cat."

A former teacher said he was interested in Satan, and once, during a reli-gious education examination, he only wrote about satanic rituals. "The problems also sur-faced in English and art . . .

his drawings were often based on popular films

After being referred to the Child Guidance Service in 1982, and seen by a psychologist, he wrote a letter of apology to his teachers. Michael Ryan shot dead 15 people before killing himself. Sartin went on an hour-long pilgrimage around the sites where his satanist books and burned his associated drawings. During his last two years as a pupil, he was as "reclusive as possible", said the teacher. "His personality was neither offensive nor notably weak, just,

most of the time, neutral. "The most striking thing remember about him at art work".

After getting poor exam results, Sartin became the assistant caretaker at his school in Whitley Bay before getting a job as a Department of Social Security clerk in 1986.

Psychiatrists were concerned about Sartin's be-haviour even while he was still at school. Once, after a where the sado-masochistic emphasis was heavy," said the teacher. family holiday on the South Coast, Sartin persuaded his father to divert to Hunger-

Father fights deportation

Geoffrey Gibbs

CHINESE who has lived in Cornwall for 17 years is about to be separated from his British wife and British-born daughter and deported to Hong Kong because the Home Office refuses to recognise him as a

special case.
Hing Fai "Albert" Tong
overstayed his visitor's visa
in 1979 and married his wife, Becky, in 1992, after the Home Office had started deportation moves. But the couple have

been living together since 1989 and deny that it was a marriage of convenience.

Mr Tong, now 43, came to Britain to see his younger brother in Manchester. He travelled to Cornwall with a fiscend where he met Becker's friend where he met Becky's family and settled in the former tin mining town. His friendship with Becky — 20 years his junior and then aged only seven — grew over the years until they began liv-

ing together when she was 17.
Their case has aroused strong support in Camborne where 1,000 people have signed a petition backing Mr Tong Mrs Tong is awaiting a cataract operation and their daughter, Monica, aged 3, is distraught at the prospect of

"She was enjoying nursery but now she screams for her daddy," said Mrs Tong. "She is very, very wary of strangers who come to the house now. She sticks by Albert and is scared to let him out of her sight. Monica and I can't go to

takes over next year they will

be trying to get rid of people born in different countries." Barring a last-minute change of mind by the Home Office, however, Mr Tong will be deported from Heathrow next Wednesday. A lengthy tussle in the courts ended ear-Court of Appeal ruled that the deportation order was not open to judicial review. Solic-itors are preparing to take the case to the European Court of Human Rights and are work-ing to persuade the Home Office to allow Mr Tong to

stay pending a hearing.
Sebastian Coe, Tory MP for
Falmouth and Camborne, told
the family last week that the Home Office was not prepared to reconsider its decision. But the case has been taken up by Matthew Taylor, Liberal Democrat MP for the neighbouring Truro constituency and in Europe by Robin Te-verson, Liberal Democrat MEP for Cornwall and West Plymouth.

Mr Teverson said he was raising the issue because of concern that the deportation was breaking up a family. "For a Government that is talking about family values and the standard of the same and the same are mitted." talking about family values all the time they are splitting up a British family under circumstances where it is less and less likely to be able to get back together again."

David Mudd, the former MP for Falmouth and Camborne,

said: "There is still a ray of hope. While the Home Office has undoubtedly won the case there is still a question of whether it has the duty or the Hong Kong. We are British discretion to effect the citizens and when China deportation."

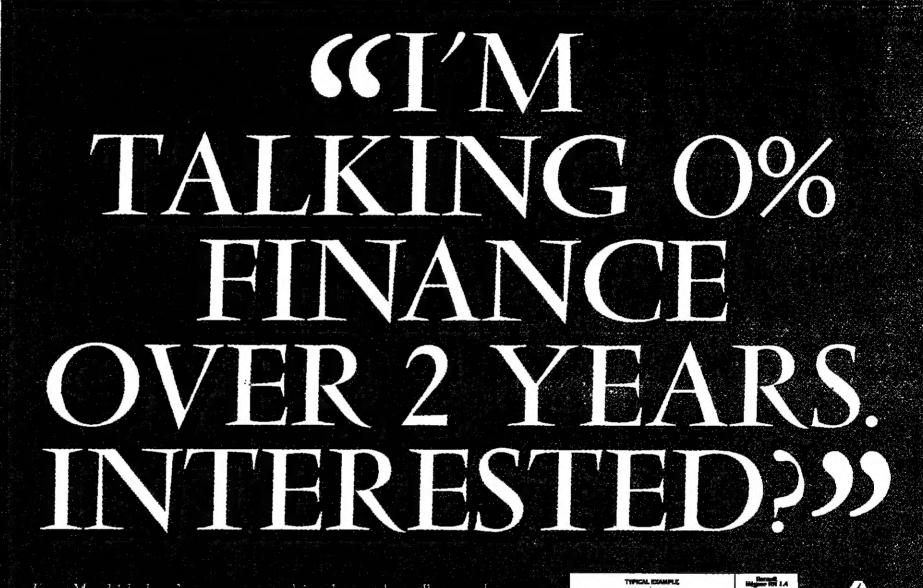
Labour rebel councillors form plan to launch their own party

Barble Dutter

BEBEL Labour councillors who were expelled from the party last year after form-ing a breakaway faction are ng a breakaway iachon are planning to launch an alter-native party and field candi-dates in the general election. A number of the 15 Walsali councillors who were expelled in December over | May 1.

claims that they operated a "party within a party" hope to launch their Democratic

Labour Party in June.
One of those behind the move is the former mayor, Cyril Leaker. The formation of the party would bring a third Labour party into the political arena, following the launch of Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party on



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Police plan **'ethnic** database'

Paul Webster in Paris

ONCERN is growing on electronic data and freedom about police plans to create a super-data-base pooling details of the eth-nic origins and political views of anyone detained by

According to sources in the commission (the CNIL), police want to combine up to 20 computerised personal data banks, giving them access to intimate details on any person who at any time had been held in custody. whether the person was quaintances and personal life. charged or not. These would be kept on record for up to 60 years, even if an accused was

French police already carry out random identity checks and searches, under mea-sures introduced in 1893. Fallure to produce official identity papers results in automatic police custody

until proof is produced. attacks, hundreds of thousands of people were stopped for questioning and several thousand were held until their identity had been con-firmed. The controls enabled police to deport hundreds of

illegal immigrants. Police cars are equipped with computer terminals some data banks which have been particularly effective in arresting illegal immigrants.

would also be open to the special branch and the secret tribute their own classified data on political views. friendships and international

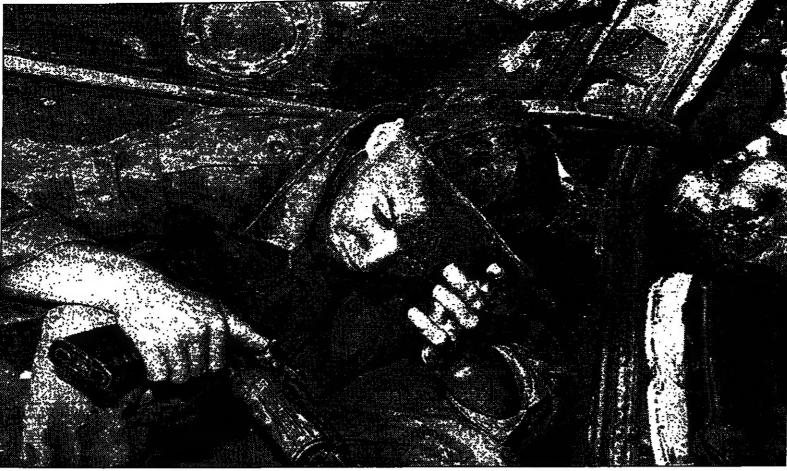
The interior ministry has submitted plans to create new detailed files which would be accessible to police. A master file, linked to other computerised sources of information and updated from manually-kept files, would identify about a dozen ethnic types, some of which would be subdivided by colour nuances.

The master file would include details of accents and a vague area linked to ac-This is intended to get round a 1990 socialist government proposal, opposed by the CNIL, to allow police to put political and religious opinions on a master file.

Human rights organisa-

tions, including the League of Human Rights, are understood to be pressing for public disclosure of the proposals, after reports that police are already abusing restrictions on computerised information by amassing confidential in-formation. Lawyers in Paris and Marsellle have recently sked for government action on specific cases

Police files based on ethnic information have been a sensitive and emotional issue since the second world war. detailed census of more than 300,000 Jews. The files were used by French and German



Tears of war . . . A Russian soldier mourns a colleague killed in the wreckage of an armoured vehicle that was attacked by Chechen rebels in Vedeno. President Boris Yeltsin yesterday confirmed be will meet the rebel leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, for talks on Monday — PHOTOGRAPH: YURI KOCHETIKOV

Telekom snarl-up leaves media speechless

ian Traynor reports from Bonn on a society with antiquated consumer services in which the customer is always wrong

into action and dis-

Then, without warning the orphan, helpless and line in the Guardian's Bonn lonely. Battle had to be office went dead. And the joined to restore the umbilgorged its message: line in the Guardian's Bonn Deutsche Telekom, the office went dead. And the Under new powers being discussed by the interior ministry, restricted police files 75,000 people in Nazi camps.

In ational telephone computer line. And the ical cord to mother in Loncoussed by the interior ministry, restricted police files 75,000 people in Nazi camps.

One evening this week in the food hall of the biggest department store in Bonn, a shopper stood hoping to buy fish for 20 minutes before a grudging sales assis-tant manned the counter.

In the banks, where cli-ent confidentiality in routine daily transactions is thoroughly alien, there is minimal attempt to sell banking services, rather the assumption that they are doing the tiresome customer a favour by conde-scending to handle his money. And charging for it, of course. Banking a British cheque for £140 last month saw the customer's account credited with £109, 2 22 per cent fee for pro-

cessing the cheque.
The motorway service stations are a throwback to arriving recently from Austria had still to change money and had only Austrian schillings. There was no exchange office, but be-fore joining the queue for lunch, he checked he could pay with schillings. The sign said this was "in order". When he got to the till, the woman demanded a surcharge costing almost

currency from marks, the

damping job creation. Some | fault.

comes at all, comes with a politicians even suggest snarl. that the occasional smile that the occasional smile might help to boost what must be the most under-developed service sector among the big Western

Parliament, after more than a year of agonised navel-gazing, still cannot decide on longer and more flexible shop-opening times, fashioning a constismall matter of perhaps being able to buy a loaf of bread on a Saturday after-

ian's incommunicado condition, the lines were eventally restored, but only after two days of alternating polite entreaties and irate demands progressively moving up the com-mand hierarchy.

It could have been worse. It could have happened before Deutsche Telekom launched its corporate charm offensive last year, with the new chairman, Ron Sommer, boasting: want to become the most customer-friendly company on the global tele-

alf as much again as the requested an extra service been hampered." a humar rights worker said. "There converted into Austrian This required forms filled has been far too much inter out in triplicate, signed ference by the police."

faxes confirming the appli
No one expects any of the 22 currency from marks, the food cost 210 schillings, but she would accept only 100-schilling notes, and so the hill had gone up to 300. A 10-minute row followed. She was immoveable.

The government constantly berates the public for being "inflexible", damping fob creation. Some fault.

Tirana leader warns of past

toral contest marked by violence and accusations of skulduggery and dirty tricks, Albanians will get their third taste of ballot-

Throughout the campaign, Dr Sali Berisha, the cardiologist-turned-president, has appealed to Albanians not to let their country slip back into communism by following the pottern established in other pattern established in other east European nations.

Yesterday, the conservative leader was expected to warn the electorate against repeating the perils of the past at a mass rally held in the central square of Tirana, the capital. from 45 years of Stalinist isolation in 1991, the square was dominated by the bronze fea-

country's present woes. But the president's message could fall on deaf ears. In recent days polls have sug-gested the opposition Social-ists are closing the gap on Dr Party, despite the leader's warnings that a conservative defeat would kill off reforms

and European integration. The apparent drop in sup linked as much to the public's mounting desire for the social security blanket of the past.

as with criticism of its leader. Dr Berisha, aged 51, has thoritarian manner. Critics claim the Democrats, who won a landslide victory in 1992, have shamelessly sought votes through crude manipulation of the electoral law and heavy-handed control of the courts and media.

Since Dr Berisha's failed attempt to enhance his presidential powers in a constitu-tional referendum two years ago, opponents have accuse him of emulating Hoxha whose doctor he was - by running a police state.

The refusal to release Fatos Nano, the Socialist Party leader jailed on questionable corruption charges two years ago — despite appeals by human rights groups — has added to claims of injustice.

Earlier this week Socialist Party campaigners clashed with riot police apparently intent on disrupting opposition gatherings.

company on the grown tests
communications market."

The crisis arose because lages. legal activities, espetible of the opposition, have been hampered," a human rights worker said. "There

parties contesting the race for a place in the 140-seat parlia-ment, to win an outright majority in the first round. Fears are mounting that the ballot will be rigged when Albania's 2.2 million voters go to the polls for the second and decisive round on June 2.

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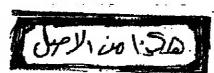
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The Guardian Saturday May 25 1996 A chasm hidden beneath the gloss

The personal imagery marking the campaigns for Wednesday's Israeli polls conceals a huge ideological gulf, Derek Brown in Jerusalem writes

NE candidate prom-ises peace with security. The other pledges that security comes first, along with a commitment to peace. Little wonder that voters and pun-

wonder that voters and pundits alike are saying that this is an election without choixe.

They are wrong. The campaign may be lacklustre but the outcome is critical to the country and to the region.

The superficial gloss of reassuring centrist waftle cannot coneal the ideological chasm conceal the ideological chasm which separates the contend-

Yet this is a highly personal contest in which image far cutweighs ideology in importance. The contradiction is simply explained: for the first time, Israelis will be voting directly for the next prime minister. Whoever wins that two-horse race — irrespective of the composition of the 14th Knesset (parliament) — will be virtually guaranteed power for the next four years

and into the next millennium. At the age of 72 the printe minister, Shimon Peres, has been carving his way to the top since Israel was born in 1948. A consummate wheeler-dealer, he has skilfully pro-moted himself as an intellectual, an elder statesman and, above all, a visionary.

Likud's leader, Binyamin Netanyahu, is by widespread consent a lightweight in comparison. Best known for his extraordinary capacity for rapid-fire soundbites in defence of Israel during the Gulf war, he has also draped himself in imagery: dynamic, polished, streetwise and pragmatic.

Such two-dimensional portraits are not just misleading — they are plain wrong. As he bestrides the world stage, Mr Peres has shown in the past six months an appe-tite for power undiminished

by the quest for peace.

assassination by a Jewish zealot of Yitzhak Rabin, Mr Peres seemed almost a broken man. Then foreign minister, he told Labour parliamentari-ans: "Fear for the future fills my heart. Boundless and un-

But within days, Mr Peres was restored. Restored in morale and vigour, and

Hustings fail to inspire faithful

T IS the all-holds-barred election: there are no hecklers, no mass rallies, no mudslinging — it's all very an-Israeli, writes Jessica Berry in Jerusalem.

But this is the new Israel still traumatised by November's Rabin assassination. Secret servicemen are keeping the prime minister, Shimon Peres far away from the crowds, if indeed there is a crowd at all.

The fear of being labelled an extremist has muffled even the most daring activ-ists. Just one tiny incident has marred a campaign otherwise ho-hum: a Likud hired hand shot a Labour

rival in the leg.
Mr Peres, and Likud's
Binyamin Netanyahu, have even cancelled end-of-cam-paign rallies. The reason, say pundits, is a combina tion of security fears and anxiety that crowds would be embarrassingly sparse.

restored to the office which he last held with great success in the mid-1980s, and which he has coveted all his life.

At the end of last year, as occupying Israeli troops pulled out of Palestinian cities in the West Bank, it seemed that the tragedy of Mr In the immediate aftermath Rabin's assassination had the November 4 given the peace process a

much needed kickstart. But in early January, Israeli agenta assassinated Yahya Ayyash, master bombmaker for the Hamas Islamist move-

ment, in the Gaza Strip.

The killing was hugely popular. The young West Bank graduate had been responsible for the taking of scores of Israeli lives by suicide humbers. There was no conbombers. There was no con-cession to the possibility that the murder of Ayyash, as cold-blooded as any he com-mitted himself, might pro-voke more Hamas attacks.

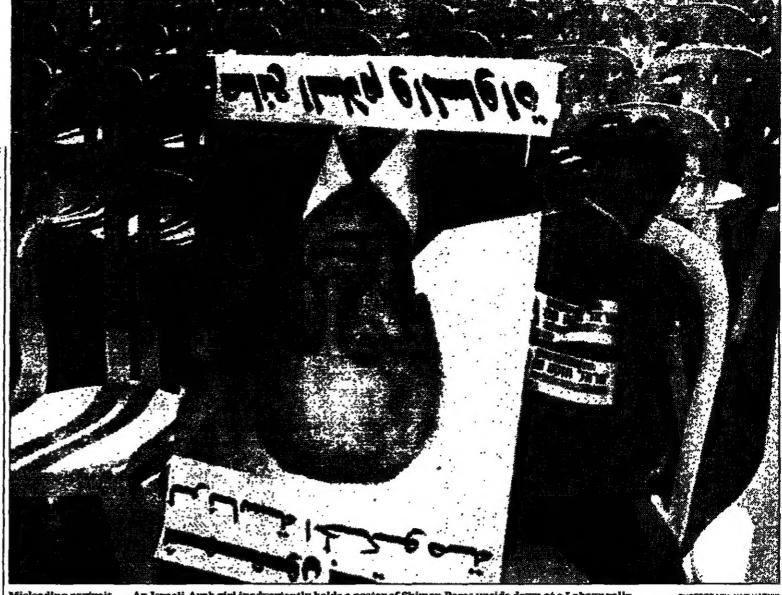
Revenge came to Israel, horribly, in late March and early February, when 63 lives were blown awny in four suicide bombings. The prime minister's immediate response was to seal off the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and to halt the planned withdrawal of occupation forces from most of Hebron.

It proved to be the most pro-longed and the most callously enforced closure of the dozens imposed by Israel. Indeed, although there have been minor relaxations, the order is still in force. But it was not enough: Israell nerves were scraped raw by the borrific bombings. The prime minis-ter's unassailable 20 per cent lead in the opinion polls evaporated. The country was at war and the man of peace was no longer trusted.

Last month brought another opportunity for Mr Peres to choose between statesmanship and tough-guy image building. A series of titfor-tat exchanges on the bor-der with Lebanon raised a howl of rightwing protest that the government was not protecting northern residents from rocket attacks by Hizbullah guerrillas.

Mr Peres seized his chance, giving his blessing to the Israeli army's idea of proportionate response: a hail of artillery fire, helicopter gun-ship raids on Beirut and air strikes on alleged Hizbullah targets, Two hundred Leba-nese were killed — more than 100 of them refugees shelter-ing with the United Nations — and about 406,000 were

Like the murder of Ayyash. the Lebanou adventure was, by and large, popular with israelis. The prime minister's



has stabilised, and even recovered a trifle. He is now said to have a lead over Mr Netanyahu of between four and seven percentage points. It sounds good, but if those figures are accurate. Mr figures are accurate, Mr Peres is dangerously reliant on the votes of Israeli Arabs about 11 per cent of the electorate — many of whom have been allenated by the closure policy and by the bloody campaign in Lebanon.

EVERAL Arab leaders have endorsed Mr Peres in the prime ministration ministerial race.
Others have urged abstention. Predictably, there is no serious notion of an Arab protest vote for Mr Netanyahu. For all his apparent frimming and soft-pedalling in the campaign,

standing in the opinion polls | the Likud leader is, and all reverse the present govern-has stabilised, and even ways has been, a hardline is ment's partial freeze on Jewraeli nationalist as well as a shrewd political operator.

fat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, let alone deal with him. Now, in the words of the party manifesto, Likud "will recognise the facts created on the ground by the various ac-cords and will act to reduce security of Israel resulting from these agreements."

Reducing the danger to Israel is more than a vague assurance. The manifesto, and Mr Netanyahu, are both full of suggestions about the immaintaining Israeli soverprovement of Israel's relations with its Palestinian neighbours. The party aims to

conquests of 1967 will remain forever Israeli under Likud, ish settlement in the occupied territories; it proposes to make Mr Netanyahu has bound A few months ago, Mr the Jordan river Israel's east-Netanyahu was saying he would never meet Yasser Ara-opposes the creation of an inopposes the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

"Jewish settlements, secu-

rity areas, water resources, state land, and road intersec-tions in Judea, Samaria [the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip shall remain under full Israeli control." says the Likud manifesto. It promises that Israel's army will have full freedom of action in areas

eignty over the Golan Heights and its water resources".

himself into a close electoral Tromet party, led by Rafael Eitan, the former hardline army chief, and with the small Gesher faction headed former foreign minister. Among his principal lieuten-ants in Likud is the most ardent hawk of the lot, Ariel Sharon, who as defence minister oversaw the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Netanyahu's powerful allies could be the breaking of him. Even those voters who are alarmed by the past three years of pell-mell pursuit of peace, associate the Likud alliance with a past full of A funeral and 21 parties, Lest anyone doubt that the confrontation and bloodshed. page 17

Some pundits say Mr

When Mr Netanyahu airily talks of reconvening the Madrid conference which gave birth to the peace pro-cess in 1991, he seems audibly to be turning the clock back

to a darker era. Revelling in his slick, hitech campaign, the Likud leader exudes a confidence which belies the fact that he is consistently second in the independent polls.

He has come within a whis-ker of power and, although aged just 46, this may be his only chance. In the fractious Likud, Mr Netanyahu has many enemies. Indeed, his best friend just may turn out to be Shimon Peres, visionary, adventurer and Israel's most



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Dance Design for an Irish home win

Ron Cox

UINEAS weekend in Ireland looks a mixed bag for the home team. Dance Design, trained by Dermot Weld and ridden by Mick Kinane, has an outside chance of glory in today's fillies' Clas-sic, but the colts' race tomor-row looks destined for export

No Irish trainer has won their 2,000 Guineas since Vincent O'Brien in 1988 with Prince Of Birds.

Matiya, Bint Shadayid and My Branch, second third and fourth behind Bosra Sham in the Newmarket 1,000 Guin-eas, dominate the betting on the Airlie/Coolmore-sponsored version at The Curragh

today. With pacemaker Abir to help her, Matiya can come out best again. She was forced to make her own running when finishing three and a half lengths behind Bint Shadayid in last season's Ascot Fillies Mile, won by Bosra Sham, and is probably better equipped to deal with the an-ticipated soft ground than

But there is a question up at the back and unable mark over the Guineas form get a run until all too late. at Newmarket, where an uneven gallop led to only a steadily-run race.

won this Classic with Trusted Partner in 1988 after a similar

Partner in 1988 after a similar preparation.

By Sadler's Wells, Dance Design won on soft and firm ground last season before finishing an unlucky fourth in the Moyglare Stud Stakes. She wound up with another good run behind Miss Tahiti in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp, and is expected to make a better three-year-old.

Distant Oasis, who has been supplemented at a cost of IR £18,500, takes a big step up in class after one win at Ascot, impressive though it was, and at the respective odds Dance Design (3.55) makes more appeal.

English and French Classic form is put to the test in the First National Building Society Irish 2,000 Guineas tomortoo much to do by Cash Asmussen, Spinning World four-timer in the Crawley Warren Heron Stakes.

Given an admirably enterprising ride by Olivier Peslier when beating the smart filly Luna Weils at Evry last year, Spinning World was sub-jected to a typical Asmussen effort at Longchamp — held up at the back and unable to

It says much for the colt's ability that he was able to get within a length of Ashkalani, Bijou d'Inde went down with all guns blazing at New-market, although like Mark Of Esteem and Even Top he

was greatly favoured by rac-ing up the stands' side.

Beauchamp King, eight lengths behind the principals in fifth, was downright disappointing at Newmarket. Per-haps the combination of softer ground and Mick Kin-ane will bring about a

Bijou d'Inde, who remains something of an unknown quantity on anything other than fast ground, has had problems with one of his feet in the past week, which is another reason for siding with Spinning World.

Sorbie Tower (4.05), at one stage thought likely to be neuted for the Irish 2,000 Guineas, can pick up a good prize at Kempton today

Gay Kelleway's colt improves with each run and back on his favoured soft ground, can get the better of Hidden Oasis and Wixim. Bookmakers voiced unani-mous approval after Home Secretary Michael Howard

yesterday rubber-stamped the order allowing "amusement with prizes" machines into betting offices. A 28-day period is necessary between the signing of the order and involvementation. Dance Design could represent better value, despite her lack of an outing this year.

This has always been the intention of trainer Weld, who last a more positive ride in the signing of the order and spinning world should extend his superiority over Taction of trainer Weld, who last a length bandits" in betting shops from June 20.



Carson . . . "age had nothing to do with bloody awful Lingfield mistake."

Carson gives hint of a Derby day retirement

nent in a Radio 5 interview

in 14 English Classics. Carson was clearly shaken by the events at Lingfield last weekend yesterday.
Although he refused to be drawn into announcing a date, he stated it was "highly likely" that this year's Derby would be his last and mused that a win on Alhaarth would be "a fairytale ending" to a 35allowed Major Dundee up his inner, turning certain victory into defeat.

WILLIE CARSON gave his broadest hint yet brought him five jockeys' revealed. "It's one of the that retirement was immichantionships and success worst things that's happened in my racing career because there was virtually

no excuse for it."

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2	g PHONETIC (22) G Salduty 9-0	
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7	0-4 WARREN KINGERT (47) C Horgan 9-0 W J O'Couter 11	
	BENT RAIWAND & HANDLY &-9	
9	0-2 STY LEWICIA (19) P Huns 8-8	
10	D-O PASSAGE CREEPING (ER) L. Curren 8-9	
11	50- POSSESSIYE ARTISTE (274) M Store 8-9 Refé 3	

3,0	05 crus	VLEY WARREN HANDICAP 2m C9,003
1		FUJIYAMA CREST (17) (D) M Stores 4-10-0
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5	24524-0	PARADISE NAVY (29) C Egerton 7-8-9R Hughes 7
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7	62233-4	BARPORD SOVEREIGN (28) J Fantique 4-5-6T Quin 6
	30 126-0	GREYCOAT SOY (5) 8 Methen 4-5-2
	05-5036	SEA FREEDOM (20) G Beiding 5-8-1
10	6-40323	COURBARIL (14) S Dow 4-7-12
11	65/054-0	ALLMOSA (6) (0) T Name(1001 7-7-10)
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Bettings 5-1 Rocky Forum, 11-2 Fullyams Crest, 6-1 Barbaro Sovereign, 7-1 Salamas, Greycost Soy. Peradise Navy 8-1 Courbaril, Shedinvan, 10-1 See Freedom. 11 respects FORM GUIDE - FILHTAMA CREST: Led with headed over 2 out, weakened first harloog, 8 8th bhd Merit

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2	102-000	ROMROS (18) (D) P Cole 4-9-9				
	00450-6	MENAS GOLD (47) S Dow 4-9-9				
4	0512-51	KNIGS ASSESSE, 7 (25) (D) P Name 4-9-5				
5	12120-0	CORSPICUOUS (16) (CD) L Cotrel 6-9-2				
6		FIRE DRIDGE (237) (D) M Muggaridge 7-9-0Dene O'Bell (3) 12				
7	05-227	HIGHER (19) (D) L Current 3-6-13				
	433-61	MCKUTT (29) G Wragg 4-8-12				
	1-1	ALHAWA (15) C Benstaed 3-5-8				
10	104-256	SEVENTEURS LUCKY (85) Bob Jones 4-8-8 Q Durfield 9				
11	1023-01	POMITTA (14) (D) M Bell 4-8-7 If Featon 15				
12	50-5642	ZEROKATT (14) M Usher 6-8-5 Sanders 10				
13	1-02300	EASY CHOICE (14) P Minchest 4-5-3				
14	231115	GOLDEN TOUCH (18) (C) (D) (RF) N Callagian 4-8-1				
15	051166	EXPLANT (22) (D) D Coegrove 4-7-11				
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Betting: 9-2 Migurir, 5-1 Alexas Gold, 7-1 Alhava. 5-1 Golden Touch. Donitie, 9-1 Kings Assembly, Moluti, 10-1 Conglicuous. Romos, Zermali. DESIL OCHIDE - BUTOWARE Led 23 out, stayed on well, comfortably, bit Bully Buehmader 31 (Donctater 1m2) Gd-Fin).

ALFAWYA: Led well made limil builong, bl. Yeast shihd (Lingdald 71149), Gd-Find,

BOUNTIA: Led over Y out, all out, bl. Darling Clover 20 (Beverley 1m2), Gd-Fin),

KONGS ASSENSK, Yr Led over 21 out, indoen out to bi Harvey White 121 (Nothing)

previously 40 5th to Hazard A Gluvas beys (Unit, Ga), with MEMAS-GOLD (gave 90s), ner

v	5 CHANLEY WARREN (NERON STAKES (Lined Rene) 3YO 1m	
1	11-0 SENCHSTORE (28) (D) H Cock 8-12	
2	421-2 HTDDEN OASTS (20) (BF) Saeed bin Surper 8-42	
3	01218- QUALCERS FRELD (219) (6) G L Moore 8-12	S Walbrorth 9
4	11 REGAL ARCHIVE (28) (C) (D) P Chapole-Hvart 6-12	J Reid 6
8	02-111 SORBEE TOWER (28) (D) Miss Gay Kalleway 8-12	R Cochrane 5
•	2-1 UNREAL CITY (37) (D) H Coci 8-12	A MoQiene Z
7	211 WOXIM (19) (D) A Charles 5-12	T Coins 1
8	2120-8 DARLING FLAME (319) J Gosden 8-7	
	6010-20 KEEPERS DAWK (20) R J Houghton 8-7	A Hughes 3

Bettings 5-2 Scrible Tower, 17-4 Hodden Clashs, 5-2 Wissen, 11-2 Regal Archive, 7-1 Durling Flame, 8-1 Keepars Daven, 10-1 United City PORM QUIDE: - MEDIEN GASTIN Tracked where wher does 2 out, no extra. 150 2nd to Projecti Monacutes 7: Gal-Fell. PXNIE Led 12 put ran on well, bt Aninelis 2 (Doocasier fm, Gd-Fm). ARLING FLANC: Ren on one pace last 21, not knocked about, 42 feb to Th

AL ARCHIVE: Led over 11 out, raiden out, bi Gold Spais 29 (Seidown 1111, gd). HE TOWER: Much-improved hendicapper, lehet, led inside bart, bi Forest Robin EAL CITY Made at, skryed on ender pressure, bi Heary Island 121 (Ripon Inc.

1.3	5 UNDERWEITING HANDICAP of C5,375	
1	411-145 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR (7) (D) (BF) 9 Frights 6-9-10	G Black 4
2	463-32 ALMUHARM (16) E Durido 4-9-9	7 Quies 6
3	P-01016 SCHARMHORST (140 S Now 4-9-3	R Hoghes 3
4	80005-2 EFRA (26) (CD) R Harmon 7-8-12	Dane O'Hell (3) 2
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6	400080 LEICH CROFTER (3) (D) P Curdel 7-8-4	Q Duffield 7*
7	OUBIG-O TWICE PURPLE (9) B Meeten 4-8-3	F Egrat &

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4	1 MAKTLES PRINCE (26) GL prin 6-9
	G JARKETH SYMPHOMY (II) P Hashum 9-0
- 6	PROTARAS DAY (21) T Clement B-C
7	2 TOUGH LEADER (T) (RF) & Harbury 9-0 # Stack (\$) &
	WILD CITY B Hambury 8-0 Heary (5) 4
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3.2	O MERILIN LAURO ROYER HANDICAP 77 67,440	
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2	1043-50 DELTA SOLEIL (24) P Herris 4-9-6	
3		Quint 5
4	151111 SUPER BENE (46) (D) J Eyre 10-8-12	ii Lapple 10
5	55000-0 TAWARU (47) (CD) T Dyer 7-8-12	
		Alex Greenes 7
7	4-00004 FAME AGAIN (7) (CD) Mrs J Rumsden 4-8-10	
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	0000-00 SOMESTON BOY (21) (3) P Carrier 6-8-3	
10	233442 SYCAMORE LODGE (18) Mrs J Remoder 5-8-0	
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 Peter Chapple Hyam's Heron Island (John Reid) and Backdrop (John Carroll) head a six-strong British raid on tomorrow's Derby Italiano in Rome. They will be joined in a 15-runner line-up by Geoff Lewis's Flytisher (Paul Eddery), Clive Brittain's Babinda (Brett Doyle), Paul Cole's Dismissed

(Richard Quinn) and David Loder-trained Bahamian Knight (Richard Hughes). Aidan O'Brien's His Excellence (Stephen Craine) and Touch Judge (Pat Shanahan), from the Dermot Weld yard, are the two Irish challengers.

Answering allegations that he was not as sharp as when, in dropping his that he was not as sharp as hands on Kamari, he he used to be. Carson countered: "It was me making a bloody awful mistake — I don't think age had any-thing to do with it."

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TOP FORM TIPE: High Cut & Detects Bettings, 9-4 High Col. 11-4 Delectment, 5-1 Bandhill, 5-1 Chinesele, 12-1 Sheraz, 16-1 Rocky's Meteor, 20-1 Angue McCoebs, Surf City, Paper Mazo

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5.05 LADEROKE HANDICAP 114 OF CLASS 1 2) 130-3 SUBSTICUTE (232) R 150pt 4-8-10
2 1073-3 SUCKET SERVICE (19) C Thomton 4-9-8
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2 210-000 PROCESS (18) M Tinkler 4-9-0
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Duncan Mackay on the comeback of a champion

LEARING hurdles is Sally Gunnell's business but none will have looked as high as the 10 she faces today. A comeback in Jena in her first 400 metres hurdles for nearly two years could make or break her ambition of successfully defending her Olympic title in Atlanta.

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telling myself to be patient." Gunnell says of the moment she once feared she might never see. "I can't expect a brilliant run and I may make mistakes. But over the next few weeks I'm really going to enjoy myself because last year I missed it like mad."

Gunnell has travelled a long and painful road since her last hurdles race in the World Cup final at Crystal Palace in September 1994.
That day, which came soon after she had won the European and Commonwealth titles, saw her triumph easily. Having won the Olympic gold medal in 1992 and set a world record of 52.74sec at the 1993 World Championships, the Briton was established as the greatest one-lap female hurdler.

Soon after, however, Gun-nell developed a problem with her Achilles' tendon which wiped out most of last season, restricting her to only two flat races. There was worse to come at the World Championships in Gothenburg where Gunnell was commentating for the BBC when the American for the BBC when the American Kim Batten shaved

the operation I was in so much pain I wondered whether I would be able to walk again, let alone go out for a run;" she admits. "I had didn't want to do anything." Gunnell has drawn a lot of strength from her husband Jonathan Bigg who, before inhave been talked about as a successor to Steve Overt. His emotional and practical support, she says, has been critical along with that of Bruce Longden, her coach.

"During these dark moments when we were out on the field it was cold and was

the field, it was cold and wet and Sally didn't seem to be improving." Bigg says. "It was difficult to find ways to comfort her."

Gunnell resumed racing indoors during the winter but it was while on a training trip to South Africa in March that things began to click and she resumed hurdling. Her return to outdoor racing which to outdoor racing, which began in Bedford last week-end when she clocked 52.96 for 400 metres flat, was gentle if unspectacular. More satis-fying to Gunnell is the quality of her work in training. where some of her times have world record year.

It is still asking a lot of Gunnell to regain the sharp-ness of her rivals in only six races before the opening heat in Atlanta on July 27, two days before her 30th birthday. There, she will almost cer-tainly need to be in shape to set a world record to head-off the American challenge from Sandra Farmer-Patrick.
Two months might seem

hostage, awaiting an opera-tion or pregnant. But, if you are hoping to win a gold medal, they are nothing. "If the final was two months later I'd have a large bet on Sally," says her husband. "But it's a question of whether she can regain her confidence in time." If it depended only upon will-power, Gunnell would

0.13sec off her world record still be world champion and with a time of 52.61. with a time of 52.61.

After an operation Gunnell's progress was painstakingly slow and it was not until the spring that she could practise over hurdles. "After week allowed her to put the concentration." finishing touches to training.
Gunnell also gave herself a
lift when she watched a video
of her 1992 Olympic win. "In
the past I've looked at bits of some really bad days when I | the race when I have wanted to analyse some fine points,"
she says. "But this time, sitting back and seeing all of it,
the huge crowd, the flags and jury struck, was an international athlete good enough to to me. I'd like that again."



On her blocks . . . Gunnell's training times match those of her world record year

Jackson the Welsh poacher turns gamekeeper

Britain's Olympic team.

COLIN JACKSON will have three roles at the welsh Games in his home town of Cardiff today, writes Duncan Mackay.

Not only will the world 110 metres record-holder main attraction. In his first be competing but he is also the meeting's promoter and coach to the up-and-coming 400 metres runner Jamie Baulch, a contender for Britain's Olympic team.

It was less than a year all turning up for nothing. Jackson the promoter has not done Jackson the competitor any favours by lining him up against Mark foray into promotion he has used his influence to considerable effect. The line-up includes Linford Christie, John Regis, Diane Modahl, Tessa Sanderson Brisbane.

Motor Cycling

Dixon spins a wheel with little on the side

Mark Redding on a British world champion cura-Car alarms and a packaging company called Encase.

Dixon pays for the steel and titanium chassis himself, which costs £20,000 from an

would have under-stood. In his Victor heyday Alf Tupper championship round at Assen in the Netherlands. Dixon is not one to sit around and brood on the naused to stay up until 6am in his workshop welding the gates he had promised to the local orphanage, jump on his bike, pedal 50 miles to an athletics meeting strap on his plimsolls and then run some smirking foreigner into the

ground.

After finishing work as a mechanic in a Kent motorcycle shop Darren Dixon throws his leathers into the back of a trailer, travels across Europe to a far-flung meeting, jumps on his bike and then runs some cocky for-eigner into the ground. The difference is that Dixon is world champion and no one

has heard of him.
"I'm in it for the love, not
the money." says Britain's
most neglected sportsman. "We'd all like to make some money, and hopefully I will in a couple of years, but now I am world champion I've got to keep the ball rolling."

At 35 years old Dixon is at the pinnacle of motorbike and sidecar racing, aided and abetted by his "passenger" Andy Hetherington. Once the sport was a glamorous addi-tion to ITV's Saturday afternoon coverage; now it has to make do with clips on satel-lite TV. English riders are prophets without honour in their own country.

"We've got this image that we're dirty, oily, horrible, smelly type of people and it caused our popularity to tail off. But we're on the way back up," Dixon claims, and he has

Dixon is not one to sit around and brood on the nature of fame. There is a mortgage to pay and three hungry children to feed. Even his wife has to work part-time as a childreninder to pay the hills. a childminder to pay the bills.
"I'm not going to say how
much I make in the shop,"
says Dixon. "Peanuts. You wouldn't believe it. Winning a world championship hasn't

world championship hasn't made me any money either," he says, hughing.
"It just costs so much if you want to do the job properly. You just plough so much money into it, like paying for the bike and trailer. It's just like a victous circle, you never seem to get anywhere." He reckons to need £100,000

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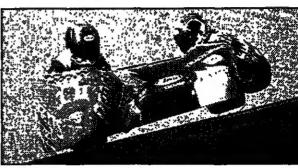
has to provide the wages of Hetherington and a driver, and cover the hire of a trailer to ferry his bike around. He does not practise between meetings as he cannot afford to hire a track for the day.

He was speaking on a blus-tery May afternoon at Don-ington Park during a break in practice for the opening round of the British Sidecar Championship, and it was the first time he and Hethering-ton had been together since clinching the world title in

September.
Having got off to a winning start at Donington, they will be reumited for the start of the world series at Mugello in

There Dixon will be up a year just to cover his owerheads, though half that is taken care of by the Swiss company ADM, which loans him its 500cc engine free and supplies two mechanics.

Of the outstanding £50,000, around £30,000 comes from mirror money and the rest from costs lives is no place to do against his deadly rival Rolf Biland of Switzerland and the prize-money and the rest from costs lives is no place to do sponsorship from the likes of battle with the new tough of



a point: a crowd of 120,000 watched last year's world Balancing act . . . Dixon and Hetherington at Donington

Sport in brief

Equestrianism

Pippa Funnell, the winner of last year's Windsor Interna-tional Horse Trials, began her defence of the title by finishing in first place on Marsh-land Rubio and third on Rainbow Magic after yesterday's dressage, writes John Kerr.

Marshland Rubio was marked at 41, giving Funnell a useful seven-point advan-

ril Johnson on Independent Archie, who is fractionally ahead of Rainbow Magic.

Soccer

prefers Japan even though as president he is supposed to be impartial. It would be very disappointing if Japan got it just because of that," he said.

Geoff Hurst, England's 1966 World Cup striker, has ques-tioned the Fifa president Joao

Cycling

Pascal Herve of France leads the Giro d'Italia after wilning the sixth-day stage to Cantan-zaro. He overhauled Roberto Havelange's impartiality concerning the selection of the venue for the 2002 World Cup. Havelange has publicly backed Japan as the site over to win by four seconds and the state of the 179km ride from Crotone to win by four seconds and the state of the state over to win by four seconds and the state of t Korea, being backed by take the leader's pink jersey Hurst. "Havelange said he from Silvio Martinello.

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Adams key to England back door

David Lacey in

Hong Kong ponders a security question

EPORTERS wishing players at their hotel here yesterday were told that every caller must give a password in order to be put through. This password, of course, was not available to the media. Annoying though this swiftly rescinded restriction threatened to be, speculating on likely passwords was rewarding.

To gain access to the inner-most thoughts of Dennis Wise, for example, did one have to cry "Taxi" to the switchboard operator? Would David Seaman bare all to the magic word "Nayim"? Perhaps Alan Shearer was longing to hear someone shout

There are no prizes for guessing what word might have aroused Tony Adams. "Sweeper", in fact, might have been a more apposite choice than the braying alter-native because Adams's role in the European Championship was the most urgent question to come out of England's 3-0 victory over China in Beijing on Thursday.

Adams came through the game with no reaction to his recently healed knee. From the point of view of experience and authority at the back this was good news for Terry Venables and England. Arsenal's captain will surely be a crucial figure in Euro 96.

Nevertheless the success of his return, after Adams had not played a competitive match since mid-January following a cartilage operation, posed further questions about precisely how Venables intends to play his hand against Switzerland at Wem-bley a fortnight today. Injuries to Adams, Gary

Pallister and Steve Howey having threatened to deprive Venables of his traditional stopper centre-halves, he then recalled Mark Wright and switched to a three-man defence — a system, moreover. that did not merely involve using three centre-backs but saw Wright flanked by full-

forced him out of Euro 96, game's based on sharpness, leaving Venables to see if I've either got to create Adams was match-fit and chances or take them."

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stick to a system for which many believed Wright, with his libero's tendencies, was the essential part.

In Beljing Adams began flanked by the Neville brothers with Gareth Southgate in Paul Ince's role at the back of midfield. But soon the numbers China threw forward forced Southgate to which meant for most of the match England reverted to an orthodox back four.

Now Venables must decide if he can risk Adams in a three-man defence against the Swiss who, through the likes of Sforza, will be markedly better equipped than China to exploit gaps that might open up around the Arsenal de-fender. Ince will be expected to support the defence but this still leaves open the question of how comfortable Adams is likely to be in such a system once the sparring has stopped.
Adams and Southgate

looked a well-balanced pair in the Workers' Stadium but the only way Venables could accommodate the Aston Villa player would be by removing one of his five midfielders, with David Platt the obvious choice. The England captain's armband has seen more changes of ownership this season than Nell Gwyn's gar-ter, but this would be a drastic step.
Adams remains confident

he can satisfy whatever demands may be made of him.
"I feel quite confident playing
in a three-man system," he declared yesterday. "People may wonder if I can do it but I really don't give a monkeys. I can only give my answer on the pitch."

At least Adams, having proved his fitness to Venables's satisfaction, can be reasonably sure of making the cut when the England coach announces his final squad of 22. Nick Barmby, on the other hand, knows his two goals against China will merely prolong the suspense Barmby's return to form has increased speculation that he might make a late run

for the squan place at practice, allotted to Peter Beardsley, who is 13 years his senior. don't want to go into that," backs, Gary Neville and Stu-art Pearce, against Croatia and Hungary. "Said Barmby, "which Then Wright's knee injury is important, because my



Three into two won't go . . . Stallard, left, with Ormondroyd and Shutt, front-line rivals at Bradford

Endsleigh League play-offs: the final showdown

Bradford on an upswing

David Hopps charts the club's fluctuating passage to face Notts County at Wembley

VEN in Wembley things were still going badly play-offs week life for and Bradford were lying 11th.

Bradford City has Their refusal to concede, howplay-offs week life for Bradford City has ever. The old Midland Road stand will be demolished next week but it is not about to be smashed to smithereens with a brazen prediction of better times ahead. Instead it will be carefully dismantled and transported to Barrow, where one of the Football League's former members have paid £5,000 for the dubious privi-

lege of re-erecting it. In 93 seasons Bradford have never played at Wembley but tomorrow they face Notts County in the Second Division play-off final, a pairing resonant of bygons days. Bradford won the FA Cup final in 1911 and became the first winners of the present all-claret job." trophy but the game was played at Crystal Palace, followed by a replay at Old Trafford.

In those days the players probably trained on York-shire pudding and pints of Disit the monks ale. Last Monday their suc-cessors were told they would be on a pasta and mineral water diet in London for fear of high temperatures. North-erners believe it is always warm and sunny down south. Bradford's manager Chris Kamara must wonder how they have managed it. Their league season began with seven wins in their first 18 matches, a record which caused Lennie Lawrence to be sacked in November.

selfishness and self-interest; in fact, he said, the club was rotten to the core. A catalyst on the field has been Mark Stallard, a £120,000 signing from Derby County at Kamara was installed in his the turn of the year, whose 10 anticipated 55,000 crowd, a Jim Platt's side twice beat place but by mid-February goals included the winner Third Division final record. Argyle in the league.

remains uncertain, and two old stagers, Carl Shutt and Ian Ormondroyd, are pri-vately, and a little uncomfortably, hoping luck will fall their way. Ormondroyd is a Bradford ever, was never better exemplifled than when they lost 2-0 to Blackpool in the home

lad, hailing from Great Hor-ton, now a deprived suburb. He was once sold to Aston Villa for £650,000 by the man-ager Terry Dolan a few minleg of their play-off semi-final but recovered to win 3-0 at Bloomfield Road. Kamara was so overcome that he stripped to the waist, placing himself somewhere spindly 6ft 5in striker, who prefers to operate wide on the between a tracksuit manager left, The Big O has attracted and a birthday-suit manager. Realisation had suddenly so much mockery that he would happily sign up Jason Lee's publicity manager. dawned. There was barely He is pessimistic about mak-ing Bradford's line-up, having been dropped for the return leg against Blackpool. "If I was one of the 11 lads who won at ion-conscious members of the squad. "At least this way we've ended up with navy

Blackpool, I'd be devastated if I But he was part of the Aston Villa side which fin-

Division in 1990 under Graham Taylor and he knows Wembley like no other Bradford player after three play-offs for Leicester. Shutt is three years older at | goal at either end."

Warnock has enjoyed Neil Warnock's Wem-bley record and support on their side this afternoon as and last year with Hudders-

against Blackpool. His strik | 34 and his career includes a ing partner at Wembley | spectacular goal as a substi spectacular goal as a substi-tute for Leeds United in the European Cup, against Stutt-gart in the Nou Camp. Rarely has fear turned to elation so abruptly. "I was warming up thinking that Howard Wilkinstitution at a defensive cor-ner," said Shutt, "when all of a sudden he sends me on. I was petrifled, thinking 'Please don't kick it to me'.

"Of course they did and managed to head it clear. Tony Dorigo collected the ball, picked me out as I sprinted over the halfway line and I scored from about seven yards. Great stuff."

knee injury in training on Tuesday and was loyal enough to refuse to reveal who did it. "It was a razorblades' job when it happened but I'm more optimistic now." striker certain to play, gazed calmly out at Valley Parade's mud-clogged surface. "Just like Wembley." he mused. "The same-shaped pitch with a

Argyle bank on Warnock's way

DLYMOUTH will have

outnumber Darlington's by from injury. Darlington are almost three to one in an the underdogs, although

son would never make a sub-

Shutt, though, is regarded as no better than 50-50 after a

they open the three-day field, and is set to field an play-off festival against unchanged Plymouth side after his top scorer Adrian Argyle fans are likely to Littlejohn has recovered

Vialli and **Futre seek** good old days

Martin Thorpe

■WO of Europe's bestknown footballing names swapped the lure of the lire for the pull of the pound yesterday when Gianluca Vialli joined Chelsea and Paulo Futre moved to West Ham

On the same day Bordeaux's 24-year-old midfielder Zinedine Zidani, previously linked with Blackburn and Arsenal, joined Juventus to show that the Premiership has some way to go to attract top European players who are neither old, crocked nor

But the excitement generated by the arrival of Vialli and Futre will be reflected in the millions they generate in season-ticket and replicashirt sales. Vialli, 32 in July, is joining

Cheisea on a free transfer, in a three-year deal earning the shaven-headed striker more than £1 million a season. He scored 123 goals in 325 Italian league games and 16 goals in 59 internationals and became Chelsea's second former world-record transfer-fee holder — alongside his friend and new manager Rund Gullit - 24 hours after lifting the

European Cup for Juventus.

"That was the best night in my career," he said, "not in my life but for football the best. Now I am happy to come to England because I like Lon-don and I like Chelsea. I hope can win again something of importance.

Asked if he felt Chelses really could win something, Vialli was more circumspect.

"I hope so but I'm not sure. But I think we can take a good position in the league." He will live in London with his girlfriend. "London is the best city in Europe and maybe the world," he said. His home debut will be in a benefit game for Steve Clarke

on August 11. Futre, also a free agent, is expected to receive more than year deal at West Ham. However, he played only one game for Milan last season because

of a knee injury. Parma have agreed to sell Rangers their Portuguese international defender Fernando Couto for £2.8 million but the player will wait to decide on the move until after the European Championship. West Ham have also revived interest in signing the Bournemouth midfielder

The troubled Nottingham Forest striker Jason Lee could move to Oxford United in exchange for the forward Chris Allen plus £250,000. Forest are also eager to sell the misfit Italian striker Andrei Silenzi to help finance a move for the Galatasaray striker Dean Saunders. The Forest goalkeeper Mark Crossley has signed a new four-year

Ian Ross adds: Gary Speed realised a long-held dream yesterday when he agreed to move from Leeds to Everton. A lifelong supporter of the Merseyside club, the 26-year-old Welsh international midmillion transfer when he returns from honeymoon in a

Goram rocked by injury curse

HE international curse Goram's Scotland appearances to 20 minutes in the past 18 months seems to have followed him 3,000 miles across the Atlantic. The Rangers goalkeeper has a hip strain and will miss tomor-row's match against the

Goram last started an international in December 1994 -While Shuft and Ormon a European qualifier in which sure during this mini-tour, inved had doubts Stallard the he sustained the leg injury either for 45 minutes each in that forced him to miss the rest of the series. Since then he has played 20 minutes as a substitute in a friendly in Sweden last October. Scotland's coach Craig

Brown assured reporters in Hartford yesterday that Goram will be fit for Wednesday's match against Colombia in Miami. But his apparently endless problems are begin-ning to plant doubts about his readiness for the European Championship.

Goram tweaked his hip in last Saturday's Scottish Cup final against Hearts. It is an injury he has had before and he has not been able to train properly. He was left behind with John Spencer in Hartford on Thursday night when the rest of the squad travelled to Madison Square Garden in New York as guests of Rod Stewart at the rocker's con-cert. The Chelsea forward's calf muscle troubles him while travelling. Goram's is a similar prob

lem. "Sitting on a bus, even for a short trip, Andy feels the hip tighten and he gets a little pain, said Brown. thought it was best to leave him at the hotel."

Brown had intended playing Goram and Jim Leighton of Hibernian in equal meaboth games or giving each man a full match. Now he has no decision to make - at least

about tomorrow. Leighton, 38 in July and Scotland's most capped goalkeeper with 73 appearances, will start his 12th consecutive international at the appropriately named Veterans' Stadium in New Britain on the outskirts of Hartford

Brown also hinted that Gary McAllister, his captain, may not play the full 90 min-utes against the Americans. "As I've said before, we know what players like Gary, John Collins and Stuart McCall can do," said Brown. "Tin considering playing him for part of the match to keep him ticking

EURO 96: John Duncan looks at where the money will go in June and finds that the FA can expect only a modest dividend

Eastern Europe to reap the net benefits

word net, they probably mean rather than onion bags and, when they talk about goals, you will find them looking at the bottom line rather than at the forwards. For the three-week tournament that kicks off in a fortnight's time is a huge hundreds of millions of

Oddly the Football Associa tion, which is hosting the tournament, will be lucky to break even from the thirdrichest sporting event in the world. In fact more of the money made from Euro 96 will end up supporting the grass roots of the game in eastern Europe than in Eng-land, the organisers said While the FA is aiming for

moderate profit Uefa, the European governing body could make up to £50 million, much of it given to an eastern Curope fund "Uefa is assigning any balance from the tournament to a special fund for the develop-

ent of the game in Europe

said a Euro 96 spokesman There has been widespread confusion as to how the FA will make a maximum profit of only £1.5 million from this massive event but the reason for the poor return is the formula Uefa has devised for dis-

tributing revenue, and the tax

HEN Euro 96 orga-nisers use the Kingdom.

time to order the suits, which was a relief to the more fash-

blue," said one as they were

doled out on Wednesday.

"Imagine having to wear the

One man not afraid to pro-

claim his part in Bradford's

poken chairman Geoffrey

Richmond. He took over in

January 1994 — having tired

of Scarborough's small-town

provincialism — and com-plained of the club's "accep-

Within three months a host

of sackings had included the chief executive David Clayton

and the manager Frank Sta-pleton. By then Richmond's

assessment had been upped to

ance of mediocrity".

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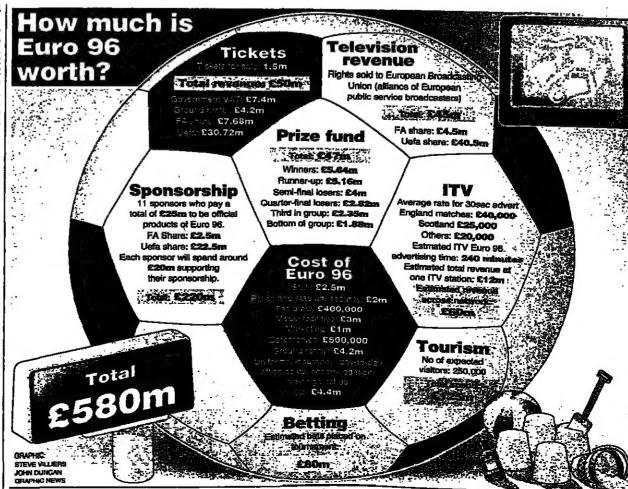
The first claim on the estimated ticket sales of £50 million is from the Government, which will charge 17.5 per cent VAT on every ticket. That means the Treasury will rake in about £8.75 million from ticket sales alone — more than the FA, which will receive only 20 per cent of the net figure - about £7.5 million.

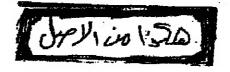
There is a similar deal over rights go to 194 countries more than the 1994 World Cup - and sponsorship: both are split 10 per cent to the FA, 90 per cent to Uefa.
The estimated additional £200 million sponsors will

spend promoting their association makes this a huge marketing exercise with a real fi-nancial impact on Britain. Betting firms will coin it in during Euro 96 too to the tune of £80 million. "That makes it the biggest betting event ever," said Ian Wassell of Ladbrokes. "It should beat the last World Cup by about

Not to be forgotten are the TV companies with prices for a 30-second commercial dur-ing an England game on London Weekend Television starting at £50,000. Meanwhile the FA has to

pay the £18 million bill for staging the tournament out of its profits. Uefa's only worry is the £47 million prize fund with £5.64 million going to







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David Davies sees the green-jacket holder set the pace at a dank and slippery Wentworth

Faldo takes out double indemnity

inest, is attempting to do twice that which even the best of his colleagues have only done once.

The IS Mastern character of the other when he did it in 1983 and, after Faldo, Bernhard Langer (1993) and Jose-Maria Olazabal, to whom the Tour sent a bal, to whom the Tour sent a

The US Masters champion leads the Volvo PGA Championship with a five-under-par 67 and, having won this title and the green jacket in 1989, is clearly in a position to do it again. He is one ahead of Paul Curry and Mark McNulty, with Ignacio Garrido and Robert Allenby on three under, 69.

Severiano Ballesteros, a sad and sodden figure yesterday, was the first to complete this The US Masters champion

absent with his rheumaton absent with his rheumaton absent with his rheumaton absent with his rheumaton absent with his rheumaton arthritis. Colin Montgomerie said that everylling went perity in his voice. "This is our premier Tour event. I'm not here to have a good time."

The provided in the said of the

great putting day" and indeed he holed putts of 30, 20 and 30 feet at the 5th, 6th and 7th holes, all for birdies. Then he finished with an eagle, hitting a three-wood at the 18th for 225 yards to two feet. "I really bust that one," he said, "it was a really nice bonus,"

Faldo said: "It's not a term I and yesterday, and not for the use, and I don't think it's in first time, he found himself in

Norman's collapse at Augusta, he now felt he was getting the credit he deserved for his final round of 67. "Well," he said, "Greg's been fishing for five weeks hasn't he? Or tweeten the said of Balles in the said of the sa scuba diving? They can't find teros's Titleist 2 to be made him. He's incommunicado. So and, that done, for the Span-

While on the subject of busting things, Faldo revealed that prior to holing in one at The Oxfordshire last week a spectator had urged him to "back it in the 'ole".

In or out of form, Ballesteros is usually in the news and sector that and sector the coler.

use, and I don't think it's in the Leadbetter textbook, but it seems to work..."
Faido was asked if after all the media furore about Greg Norman's collapse at Augusta, he now felt he was get-amor was called in to use his amor was called in the trees at the long 12th. His but the long 12th. His but the long 12th. His but the long 12th.

another ball than a gust of wind dislodged the original well within the five minutes allowed. However, the second ball was now in play, Balles-teros had to accept the penalty and went on take a double-

Back in 1982, Sandy Lyle was, famously, six down after 18 holes to Faldo in the World Matchplay Championship.
This year, after an opening round of 74, featuring halves of 42-32. Lyle would be, if competing in matchplay, six down again. In 1982 be turned on to the full his infuriatingly spasmodic talent, got back all the boles and, incredibly, won spanning to the following the boles and, incredibly, won the boles and, incredibly, won the full his infuriatingly spasmodic talent, got back all the full his infuriatingly feature for the boles and, incredibly, won the full his infuriatingly spasmodic time on course behaviour of Gordon Sherry during the Benson and Hedges event last week on his professional debut. He was accused of distracting behaviour of Gordon Sherry during the Benson and Hedges event last week on his professional debut. He was accused of distracting behaviour of Gordon Sherry during the Benson and with the Scottish press, walking past them with the same walking past them with the very early in his career for him to be battling with the scottish press, walking past them with the scottish press, walking past them with the scottish press, walking past them with the very early in his career for him to be battling with the scottish press, walking past them with the scottish press, walking past them with the very early in his career for him to be battling with the very early in his career for him to be battling the round with the Scottish press, walking past them with the very early in his career for him to be battling and the refused to discuss his round with the Scottish press, walking past them with the very early in his career for him to be battling and the refused to discuss his round with the Scottish press, walking past them with the very early in his career for him to be battling to the refused to discuss his round with the Scottish press, walking past them will be refused to discuss his round with the Scottish press, walking past them will be refused to discuss his round with the Scottish press, walking past them will be refused to discuss his round with the state of the refused

Yesterday morning most of the nation's papers carried critical comments by Frank Nobilo about the on-course

No sooner had he dropped I on the 35th green, 2 and 1, If Lyle needs an incentive to play better this week, it would be the memory of that distant match, plus the fact that this week he has 54 holes

to catch his rival, rather than the 18 he had in 1982.



Reid reacts to

limit Argentina

was all the better for him having been three over after three holes, demonstrated once again that people prefer to shoot the messenger rather than heed the message.

fessional etiquette. him to be bauting with the sessional etiquette. Yesterday afternoon press and it is, in any case, a war he cannot win.

Watery defeat for both sides

Mike Solvey at The Oval

HE first one-day inter-national duly reached its watery stalemate at four o'clock yesterday after-noon when the umpires could no longer avoid what had been obvious all day. The rain had been relentless and, although technically it would have been possible for the match to be played to a con-

clusion with a start as late as two minutes past six, common sense prevailed.

Whether the players are in a fit state to begin the second match at Headingley today is spother matter for no one another matter, for no one was relishing the prospect of an evening trip north on Bank Holiday Friday. Police had advised a minimum seven-hour drive to Leeds.

pleted in their imings would have not achieved want I have constituted a match, and want."

17.1 had been bowled when rain stopped play on Thurs-day. So from the minimum 47 further balls needed for a result, India would have required only 50 runs with five wickets in hand. Under the circumstances it

would be a surprise if England did not field the same XI this morning for, if there were in-dividual failures in what was heading towards a good team performance — Alistair Brown, in particular, but also Ronnie Irani — there is no reason to suggest they do not

One man who has given himself a head start already this summer, though, is Chris Lewis, who batted with au-thority and bowled with fire and spirit on a pitch that gave him every assistance.

There was no doubt that he Had the game reached a conclusion, the chances are England would have won, although they would have needed to get rid of Mohammad Azharuddin early on. However, India had not given up hope of sneaking a win by taking advantage of a reduced target: 25 overs completed in their imnings would

Derbyshire chairman urges. action against Illingworth

Mike Horton has offi-cially pressed the Test and County Cricket Board's disciplinary committee to take "strong action" against England's chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth, following his renewed criticism of the county's fast bowler Devon Malcolm,

writes David Hopps.
Horton, in Miami on business, described Illingworth's attack in a book to be published next month as an abuse of his position and a decision taken purely on commercial grounds.

When disagreements flared between Illingworth and Mal-colm in South Africa, Horton Now, however, his patience against Leicestershire in a has snapped. "A player is over session at Edgbaston.

man responsible for picking the England team and that can't be right," he said. • Little cricket was possible

yesterday, but Yorkshire's Richard Blakey registered his 10,000th first-class run during 19 overs played at Canter-bury. He was 56 not out — his first half-century in two seasons — when the players ran for cover with Yorkshire on Tim Hancock was seven

rums short of his century at the close as Gloucestershire put on 80 runs against Surre to reach 303 for five at loucester. Warwickshire finished the

day on 138 for six after losing all the wickets for 78 runs against Leicestershire in a 40

Scoreboard

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No play, rain
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HOLDER GIVEN GO-AHEAD FOR THE FRENCH OPEN



Waiting game . , . Thomas Muster is hoping for 24 hours' grace and a Tuesday start on the clay courts of Roland Garros

Fit Muster put on red alert

Stephen Bierley on why Paris is waiting agog for developments in court circles

is the first person you want to phone on such an occasion?" Thomas Muster, having just retained his Italian Open title, allowed himand Open true, anowed min-self a rare and knowing smile and replied that, if he rang up all those he wanted to tell about his victories, he would never be able to afford the mobile telephone bill. He had seen through the trap. "Oh, well," shrugged the Italian journalist after Muster had left. "I did my best."

All those in the Foro Italico

last weekend had been on red alert, just in case the Duchess of York had suddenly materi-alised beneath the Roman pines. The admission of a call to England would have been the next best thing but on royal matters Herr Muster's defences are as tight as those on the tennis court. So, this Monday the eyes and ears of Paris will be acutely focused on any word — or, best of all, sight — of this somewhat unlikely doubles pairing as the French Open, the second Canad Slam eyest of the war. Grand Slam event of the year, begins at Roland Garros.

No player since Bjorn Borg has dominated clay-court tennis to the same extent as Muster. Borg. of course, adapted his play to grass and won Wimbledon for five successive years. Muster's four vis-its to south-west London have all ended in first-round delargely because of his clay-court prowess, he established himself briefly as the world's No. 1, shead of America's Pete

Sampras and Andre Agassi. They were not amused.
With Agassi having hardly played on clay this year — he was boosd off after losing an early-round match at Monte Carlo — and with Sampras struggling with a back injury, as well as coming to terms final.

for nothing " said Muster. "I grew up in Europe and on clay courts, so I've seen these "Tell us, Thomas, who clear favourits to retain his

Fremch titla This would have read "is a clear favourite" but on Thursday morning the man who is ankle while practising at his home tournament in St Poltzu in Austria. He said yesterday he was fit but a doubt must remain. Muster has visited Helmut Obermoser, the doc-tor at the St Polten tournament, who said yesterday: The inflammation has virtually subsided. Muster will play 100 per cent in Paris." Muster has, however, asked to be allowed to start in Paris.

on Tuesday to give the ankle an extra 24 hours' rest. Last night he was still awaiting a reply.

Fronically one of the last questions he answered after defending his Italian Open

title was: "What ambitions do you have left." The 28-year-old Austrian replied instantly: "My ambition is just to stay healthy as long as possible." Supreme fitness and health go hand in hand whenever Muster steps on court but the purists are apt to denigrate him because of his compara-tive lack of success on sur-

have none of it and continues

circuit, which he believes is Open champion in 1993 and under threat because the top 1994. "He played better than anyone over the year, and that's what counts." Champion indeed. But what players, notably Sampras and Agassi, are staying away.
"I feel like an idiot fighting

everybody still really wants to know is whether Muster's infatuation with red-clay tournaments grow and now I see they are losing their imtitles is in anyway matches by his attraction to a certain pact." Sampras offers the titled, red-headed lady. reverse argument: "Last year I was on the clay courts so long that I lost a bit of my Roland Garros, to say nothing of Wimbledon, is agog. serve-and-volley game. I want to play on my tarms." Under-standably Austro-American

relationships are a little fraught, which all adds spice to the French fortnight. Muster's career was in severe peril seven years ago when, not long after reaching the semi-finals of the Austrathe semi-mas of the Austra-lian Open, and having reached the final of the Lip-ton Tournament in Key Bis-cayne, both on hard courts, he was struck by a drunken driver in Miami.

He had surgery on severed left-knee ligaments and, as testament to the man's willpower, was playing sgain within six months. It is poss-ible, indeed probable, that this injury made the Austrian even more determined to

Muster won 12 singles titles last year, 11 on clay. This year he has added another five and would surely have made it six had he not been injured in St Pölien. "When Thomas got to No. 1 this year he thomas the No. 1 this year he thoroughly deserved it," said Spain's Sergi Bruguera, the French

Shoulder injury forces Seles out

MONICA SELES, com-plaining of a strained left shoulder, yesterday scratched from her Spanish Open semi-final against Jana Novotna. Another up-set in Madrid saw Arantza Sanchez Vicario, winner of this title five times in its 10 years, beaten by Magdalena Maleeva in the other semi-

Seles said she had been suffering with the problem for the past four months. The joint world No. 1 wants to rest the shoulder for next week's French Open, where she has not lost a match since 1989. "It's very lovely to defeat

Arantza on clay," said Ma-leeva, the new Spanish

Open favourite.

HE England women's team were beaten only 1-0 by Argentina at Lilleshall yesterday despite the absence of their many Great Britain players for the first of two internationals against the World Cup finalists.

It was no worse a result than Britain themselves had achieved against the Pan-American champions on

down to the quality of the goal by Karina Masotta. She dribbled through the England de-fence and alipped the ball be-neath Reid in the 28th

ber of novice internationals facing high-class opposition capped when Lisa Bayliss, one of their more experienced players, injured an ankle and could not return until midway through the second half.

England engineered only one real chance when Leicester's Kirsty Bowden com-bined with the promising Jackie Empson of Canter-bury, but Lucy Newcombe was off balace and shot wide. Tuesday, and for that England had the performance of the Hightown goalkeeper Carolyn Reid to thank.

Reid dealt with nine penalty corners and a host of difficult situations are England.

The lineary will probably with the control of the Company one of the Company one of the Company one of the Company will probably with the control of the Company of the Company will probably with the control of the Company of cult situations as England came under severe pressure. That she was beaten once was will be announced on Tuesday, with one player dropping out to make way for Jason Laslett, the injured captain

Germany will be under-strength with their Uhlenminute. Argentina should horst players, including Carsten Fischer, being released for the European Club Championship, but they remain formidable opposition.

Sports Betting

Back Wigan to run Bath close

THIS afternoon Bath have the opportunity to take revenge against Wigan in the final instalment of rugby's battle of the codes. In the first game, played under rugby league rules, Wigan hung Bath out to dry 82-6. Now they have to take Bath on at their own game in the union

citadel of Twickenbarn. Since the first inter-code contest, Wigan have cone on to win union's Middlesex Sevens tournament. No doubt they will find playing a fullsize game by alien rules a rather more difficult prospect but Wigan just do not know how to feel daunted. So while Bath must be favourites, the odds of 1-3 look far too short. Better to back Wigan at 5-6 with Ladbrokes to hold Bath

to a 16-point margin. Spread bets offer even bettheir first try of the game in less than 37 minutes with the

same firm.
Play-offs: Crystal Palace
and Darlington were the
selections before the play-off
semi-finals, and they still look the pick. Back Palace at the 5-4 generally available to pol-ish off Leicester in 90 minutes on Monday. Odds of 8-13 are rather less attractive against them winning eventually, but along with Notts County (4-5) and Darlington (11-10) it makes a useful 5-1 promotion treble with Surrey Racing.

Election: There is now less than a year to go to a General Election. But how much less? Counting from June 1, IG Index have made a market on the number of days before the Tories take the plunge. Their first estimate was 250-270 days, which puts an election between February 5 and 25, 1997. A rush of money backing a later date forced this up ter value, with Sporting Index rating Bath 21-24 points better: bet lower than 21. You day between February 25 and can also back Wigan to score | March 17.

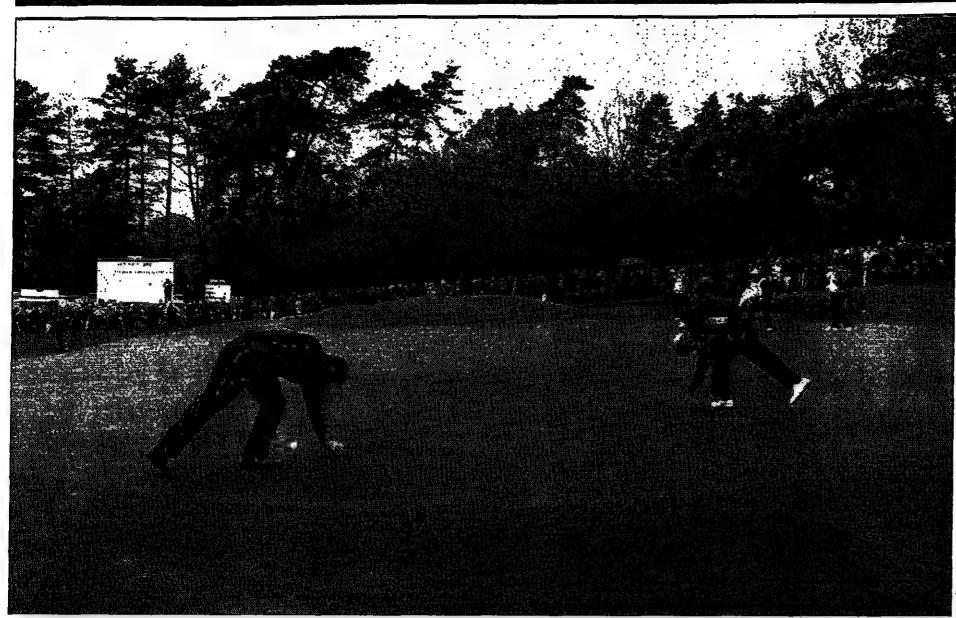


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FALDO WARMS TO HIS TASK AT A DAMP AND CHILLY WENTWORTH



Synchronised weeding . . . Nick Faldo, the US Master of Augusta, and Stephen Ames, the recent Benson & Hedges International winner at Thame, get down to a spot of gardening on the 14th green during the first round of the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, where Faldo set the pace with a 67. David Davies reports, page 11.

Twickenham breathes a sigh of relief as England's leading clubs agree a power-sharing package

Rugby averts breakaway

Robert Armstrong on the last-gasp deal that ended a protracted dispute

Rugby Football Union which will give them a major share of power in the cross-border competitions and sponsorship agreements form next season. The deal, covering competitions in

want value.

NGLAND's leading clubs last night defeat for union traditional-agreement with the prevent the clubs gaining

Crucially the RFU has agreed that the clubs must in future be signatories to all TV hammered out at day-long which they take part. In effect talks by the RFU's full 63-man committee at London's Hilton Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc)

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IS SOMETHING TREATMENT. WITH HUME IN SUBANCE

The new season will almost certainly begin on August 24, Brittle . . . 'no losers'

important coup in convincing the RFU there should be no relegation from Courage League One for the season just ended. That means Sara-cens and West Hartlepool (who lost all their 18 league games) stay up and North-ampton and London Irish, promoted from League Two, oin them to increase the top

flight to 12 clubs. England's international commitments have been for-mally recognized by the clubs, who have agreed that players must be released for England duty on seven or eight weekends each season. Players will also have the right to attend squad training sessions deemed necessary by the England management even if they take place at

Players' contracts will be held by the clubs provided the necessary safeguards for in-ternational release agreed with the RFU are built into with the RFU are built into
the detailed terms. The players themselves will be the
main beneficiaries of this arrangement which should, in
theory at least, prevent a
club-country conflict.
The format of European
Cup and Anglo-Welsh competitions for next season has

titions for next season has been agreed by Epruc and Twickenham.

have won the right to veto elements in any new contract they believe are not in their best interests.

The clubs also pulled off an at Twickenham. The Courage to the courage of the coura

League programme proper will start on August 31, with around 10 to 12 games being completed before the European Cup starts in late October. Cliff Brittle, chairman of

the RFU executive committee, claimed there were "no win-ners and losers" after four months of negotiations, but few RFU members will be in any doubt that the clubs have intents and purposes brought home the bacon. Brittle insisted the protracted negotia-tions had been necessary to

quins), Peter Wheeler (Leicester) and Sir John Hall (New castle) made a forceful declaration of their demands at yesterday's emergency meeting which was, apparently, heard by the full committee in polite silence. Distribution of TV income, the future structure of all club competitions and the primacy over players' contracts were the main topics Epruc presented for review.

Bill Bishop, the RFU presi-dent described the deal as an "historic agreement" which owed its existence to the "hard work" of Brittle and the Epruc chairman Donald

The formal resolution put together by the RFU in conjunction with Epruc agreed the following fundamental

• 1. The RFU must remain the ultimate governing body of the game in England and have ultimate control.

● 2. The England XV must be of the greatest possible strength and all players in England should have the opportunity of playing for it.

3. All RFU member clubs should abide by the regula-tions and bylaws of the RFU and the international Board. 4. All RFU member clubs should play only in competi-tions approved by the RFU.

5. All RFU member clubs

England fret in the rain

ROM persistent rain at chance to go 1-0 up in the reply to England's 291 for The Oval to a sea fret three-match Texaco one that stopped racing at day series against India Brighton, the English sum when the match was aban-because after 25 overs a mer yesterday reduced doned just after 3pm. The global warming to a teams had waited in vain rumour.

England suffered most as rain swept much of the cricket programme away.
They were denied the reduced to 96 for five in Mike Selvey, page 11

because after 25 overs a result would have de-pended on run rate.

In Hanover I saw a woman growl and grab a bronze by its buttocks. She wore a necklace that looked like it was made from the molars of her former lovers.

Fiachra Gibbons

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Bringing back more than memories



David Lacey

OMEHOW the parable of the Great Wall summed up the ques-tionable virtues of England's decision to play in China and Hong Kong with the European Championship so

The players took the wrong turning and exhausted them-selves making the climb on foot. Members of the FA's international committee, never ones to miss trick or treat, went the right way and coasted up by cable-car.
It was ever thus. Twenty

years ago, during the 1976 American Bicentennial Tour nament, the chairman of the FA at the time, Sir Andrew Stephen, led a delegation to Disneyland and was met by Mickey Mouse. Later a more caustic member of the press corps trusted that Mr Mouse had not been diminished by

the experience. In Beijing on Wednesday Terry Venables met Michael Heseltine. Whether either. found the experience diminthing we will never know. Why are we all here in the

Far East, where Beiling has been hot enough for footballers in training, never mind Hong Kong's stifling combina-tion of heat and humidity? Reports that the FA received US\$250,000 for England to play in the Workers' Stadium on Thursday, added to the rumours of the £400,000 guaranteed for tomorrow's stroll against a Hong Kong XI, have confirmed one's original impression, namely that this expedition is an exercise with strong fiscal undertones. It should be stressed that

ponsible for the development these figures are rumours, alof the game in England.

7. The ongoing interdependence between the senior was provided by the game's main sponsors, the Wei-Wei Group. Venables has brushed clubs and the RFU should be reflected in a contractual aroff the financial aspects of the rangement governing TV and sponsorship rights, player availability, the structured season and the management tour as "not important". Not to him, maybe, but it is still an eccentric way to prepare for a tournament in England. In addition, Venables had

the aggravation of flying to Beijing to inspect the pitch be-fore his chief scout, Ted Buxton, travelled on ahead of the main party to make sure that the Chinese were making the necessary improvements Seldom can more air miles have been accumulated for the sake of a surface which turned out to be no worse than Villa Park on a bad day. Better, if anything.
Short of England bringing

home a bag marked "swag there is no way of knowing whether the unworthy thoughts which have b pressed about the real motives for this trip are anything more than media cynicism.

Yet watching the England squad being mobbed by airport staff while they waited for their luggage at Hong Kong airport yesterday it was hard to avoid recalling Graham Taylor's approach to the 1992 Championship, when he took his players to Finland and closeted them with a psycholo gist for three weeks.

Everything, of course, will be judged with the hindsight of England's success or failure in Euro 96. Taylor's relaxed, psychologically-correct team were dire in Sweden and David Platt is still the only England player to have scored a goal in six years of major tournaments. Should Alan Shearer's international drought come to a spectacular end at Wembley in a fortnight's time presumably it will be put down to the bam-

TLEAST in China England learned how the other half lives. Impressive though the Workers' Stadium might look. the dressing rooms do not even have pegs, and the play-ers' tollets are of a type that demand total concentration accompanied by the Dam

Busiers' March: Beijing turned out to be on a par with Eastern Europe in the Seventies — austers, cer-tainly, but neatly-dressed in an inexpensive way, with the against the car.

However, the policeman who arrested a postcard seller in Tiananmen Square and the security guards who tried to hustle reporters out of the Workers' Stadium were reminders of what a hard-line country could still be like. China, thwarted in an Olympic bid, is nowhere near ready

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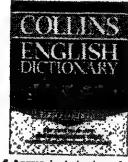
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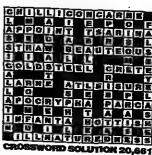
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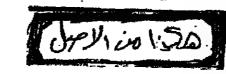
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17 Half capital, half buried, raised by drum beat (3-1-3) 18 Herb, dear to the French, almost worthless (7)

19 Ascent followed by descent — parody about most of life (3-4)

21 Practise the following to get on line (5)





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Is this the way we want it?

Behind Michael Howards clash with the judges lies hisobsession with Us lock-'emup jusice, says ALAN RAVIS. Right IAN KATZ in New York on the nightnare ahead

cretary for 40 years, the darge that his "get tough" intencing package has en stolen wholesale from merica is not even a matte for debate I am not simply copying what haseen done there." Michael what haspen done there," Michael Howard Jotests. "I am putting in place som very carefully targeted measurewhich learn from the experience one United States."

This "Fw improved" British ver-slor of te American prison nightmare Hward is so keen to promote appearso stem more from a lifetime' love affir with the US than from any stuly othe criminal justice system.

To sy that imprisoning people has
no world simply flies in the face of

the fact." he says.
- et acce he took office three years ago, Eward has ignored his own Home office research which says the "henteration effect" is so small that you ned to increase the prison popuisloby 25 per cent to cut crime by just her cent. Instead of following this igic, he has advocated a range of IS inports, including the introduc-ton i boot camps and electronic tag-ing at one point he even considered haging the name of the Probation lerice to the Corrections Agency.

Hispamer deputy, Michael Forsyth,
nowScottish Secretary, is introducmglis own version of the Alabama

Inasn't stopped there. American priate prison companies have started to perate in Britain with Howard's enouragement. The Florida-based Wickensiat Corrections Corporation lat week opened their new immigratin detention centre at Gatwick Air-pet. The Corrections Corporation of Aperica is already running British

30 what is there in Howard's senthition that he is borrowing the "best d'America's penal policies" and im-roving them? The principal measure the introduction of mandatory inimum sentences which are meant severely punish the career crimi-

The second major US import is the mposition of an automatic life sen-tence on those who are convicted of a second serious violent or sex crime. In the baseball terminology now being used to describe these things, this is two strikes and you're out".

The baseball point is a clue to why Howard is so enthusiastic about all aspects of the American criminal justice system. The answer is simply that he is a Yankophile. His Who's Who entry lists his recreations as baseball (the New York Mets, who he gets to see

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at least once a summer).
While sitting in New York's Shea
Stadium, it will not have escaped his
notice that a "get tough" agenda has
proved wildly popular among the electorate there. There's hardly an elected

official left in the US who dares not embrace the slogan "Prison works." So Howard presses on hoping for the same populist results in Britain to help his beleaguered friend, John help his beleaguered friend, John Major. The alarm bells, however, have started to ring at the highest levels of the Home Office. Already the prison population is at a record 54,481. In the last 17 years the Tory government has built 22 new prisons. Howard's plans will require another 22.

It will be a massive building pro-gramme. Now that the Channel tunnel is completed this new generation of prisons, costing billions, is set to be

prisons, costing billions, is set to become the largest single construction
project underway in Britain.
"The judges are out of touch with
the public," is the Government's justification. But if opinion polls are in
future to be the only guiding light for
criminal justice policy in Britain, as
Howard argues, what then? Who will
be able to resist pressure for the final be able to resist pressure for the final "get tough" reform — the return of the hangman's noose?



Captive nation: 1.5 million people are now packed into US prisons. The Home Secretary believes crime will fall here too if we lock up enough people

work, I want to make sure prison is a place where prisoners spend their time in

active demanding regimes.' MICHAEL

HOWARD 'I have an

old-fashioned view -- that prison works. MAJOR

Bull market in prisons and knee-jerk politics NEW BREED of commodity

trader has emerged in nine-ties' America. Like their to 100 years. counterparts dealing in pork bellies, they seek to match producers making too much with consumers who can't get enough. Only the nature of the commodity they deal in is different. It is prisoners. Right now, Texas is importing. The state has just completed a massive prison-building spree and, for a few months at least, it has spare cells. It needs to fill them or thou-

oner placement consultants" have found inmates from Colorado and Oregon, where the jails are filled to On the face of it, the convict trade makes good sense. Why should cells stand empty while inmates in states like Arizona and New Jersey lan-guish in tents? America, quite sim-

sands of jobs will be at risk. So "pris

ply, is sending people to jail quicker than it can build new ones. For two decades, US politicians in search of quick, politically saleable solutions to crime have vied to pass laws putting more villains in jail for longer. Obsessed thoughout the 1980s with its war on drugs, the federal government concentrated on ensuring that petty drug criminals would remain behind bars as long as any rapists or murderers. For their part, the States came up with snappy variations on the mandatory sentencing theme such as California's three-strikes-and-you're-out

law, under which anyone convicted

of a third major crime must serve 25

The sporting allusion is apt, for prison is rapidly displacing baseball s America's national pastime. In December the US surpassed Russia for the first time as the world's number-one jailer with 565 out of every 100,000 Americans behind bars. Britain locks up around 100.) The population of America's new correc tions archipelago is exploding at a rate that would embarrass most Third World countries. Federal and state jails are packed with almost 1.5 million inmates, more than double the total in 1988. Texas alone has more prisoners than the entire

country had in 1948. Inside America's overcrowded orisons, the temperature is mounting. They gave up long ago on the national target of one prisoner to a cell. In California, among the most gung-ho in sentencing, the prisons are stuffed with almost double the number of immates they were built

It is not as though prison authorities have not tried to keep up. The last two decades have seen the biggest prison-building boom in history. California, which built 17 jails in 15 years, has seen prison spend-ing balloon from 2 per cent of the state budget to almost 10 per cent. The Governor of Washington offers a grim prediction: if his state continues to build prisons at the rate it is going, every Washingtonian will either be working in a jail or held in

one by the year 2056. America's prison fever has an economic momentum of its own. Small, cashstrapped towns compete to build new jails "on spec", confident that the nation's "get tough" mood will fill them and bring jobs and prosper ity. Corporate giants like American Express and General Electric invest millions in companies that run pri-

vate prisons.
For the federal and state governments, however, the prison boom looks more like a bust. For the first time last year, California spent more on prisons than on higher edu-cation. The comparison is more than a curiosity because many states are looting their education coffers to build jails. According to a study by the Rand Corporation, California will spend 18 per cent of its state budget on prisons by the year 2000 if it continues to lock up its residents with such seal. That would leave just

I per cent for universities. Advocates of mandatory sentencing argue it is a price worth paying to make America later. With crime figures falling across the country precipitously in cities like New York — lock-'em-up politicians like California's Governor Pete Wilson have been quick to claim the credit. But criminologists are divided over who or what is really winning the war against crime. Some suggest shifting demographics (fewer of those dangerous 18 to 25s) and changing drug preferences (less crack) have more to do with it than packed prisons. The triumphalism of the hard time brigade is dampened by a widespread consensus among penologists that America is locking up the wrong people. Critica argue that the state and federal sysms are being forced to release violent criminals to accommodate the frequently non-violent ones handed long prison terms under mandatory sentencing laws, in Florida, for instance, a profusion of heavy drug sentences means other criminals get out quicker; the average Florida prisoner serves just 41 per cent of

The swamping of the federal prison system with comparatively petty offenders convicted under draconian anti-drug laws is the most striking result of the vogue for mandatory sentencing. Drug offenders now account for almost two-thirds

of the federal prison population. Widespread criticism of the drug laws by judges (and even the refusal of several to hear cases under them) has not dampened the federal government's enthusiasm for sentencing by formula; the sweeping anticrime bill passed last year includes a federal three-strikes law to match those already in force in more than a dozen states, as well as \$12.2 billion

to build more prisons.

California's experiment with baseball justice hardly inspires confidence, however. Right out of 10 of those locked up under the new law were convicted of non-violent of-fences on their second and third

| strikes, Manuel Pena, a 29-year-old convicted of shoplifting is not untypical. His \$35.98 haul will cost him 26 years to life because of three earlier convictions for armed robbery.

Meanwhile, California's judicial system is creaking under the pres-sure. Because of the higher stakes involved, potential third strike defendants are demanding jury trials in far greater numbers. Since July 1994, 47 of the state's 125 civil courts have been pressed into action to bear criminal cases, creating a years-long backlog of civil litigation.
There are other, less easily quantifiable, concerns. Los Angeles Police chief Willie Williams has suggested that a spate of shootings of police officers reflects an increased des-peration of potential three strikes

defendants to avoid arrest. While most US lawmakers have contented themselves with finding ways to put more people behind bars, others have devoted themselves to the parallel crusade of making prison life more unpleasant. The return of chain gangs to Alabama last year was one reflection of a wider move to make hard time just that. The US Congress is currently debating the No Frills Prison Act, a bill designed to achieve "the elimi-nation of luxurious prison conditions". At the same time several states have passed so-called "truth in sentencing" laws aimed at keep-ing inmates in jail longer. Don't worry about selling those prison shares just yet.

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A divorce bill to embrace

S THERE going to be a divorce over the divorce bill? Until now, Labour has supported the main thrust of the Government's proposals. Indeed, it has only been because of Labour backing that many of the more sensible provisions of the bill, resented and resisted by back-to-basics moralists on the Tory backbenches, have gone through. Now Labour is having second thoughts. When Parliament resumes after the Whitsun recess it will consider withdrawing its support because of a succession of moral minority amendments which distort the main principles of the reform. Already the lawyers this week decided to withdraw their support. The Law Society's family law committee, which represents thousands of divorce lawyers, concluded the latest haggling had reduced the reform to "a mess, creating more problems than it solves". By itself, this might suggest the reform was still on line. No one should be surprised by lawyers op-posing a bill which aims to replace the present acrimonious lawyer-led process by a mediator-directed procedure. Yet, to be fair, the main body of divorce solici-

tors — unlike divorce barristers — have a good track record of support for div-Labour's legal affairs spokesman, Paul Boateng, has already described the

revised package as "a dog's dinner". Un-doubtedly what was once one of the most carefully crafted packages to be laid be-fore Parliament in the last decade — two separate reports from the Law Commission plus a government white paper has now been distorted by an unholy alliance of populists, moralists and divorcees on the Tory benches. Where once the bill opted for a 12-month period in which separating couples would be required to consider the consequences of divorce — on the advice of family researchers who said extending the uncertainty further would not benefit the couple's children -- the period could now extend to 21 months. Where once the concept of fault was removed from the divorce procedure - because of the increase in acrimony and retaliation it generates - it can now be introduced through the backdoor with courts able to look at conduct in determining disputed claims over children or finance. And where once all couples were going to be offered mediation, they will now be required to

meet one and hear what is on offer.

None of these changes is trivial, but they do not raise points of principle but issues of political judgment: how long should people wait; judicial discretion to consider conduct on disputed issues; the need for people to meet a mediator, even though they cannot be forced to participate in mediation. Wrong though these amendments may have been, they hardly

constitute sufficient grounds for sinking the biggest reform of divorce in 26 years. Moreover, some of the changes which prompted the withdrawal of lawyers' support, were supported by Labour in committee: the introduction of a threemonth quarantine period to promote reconciliations before an 18-month waiting period begins. Ditching the bill now would mean abandoning a crucial provision, achieved over ministerial objections, of splitting pensions more fairly on divorce as well as enhanced protection for women set out in the domestic violence section.

The suspicion remains that politics is motivating some Labour opponents of the bill. A defeat would be the first loss of a major piece of Government legislation since John Major became Prime Minister in November, 1990. It would certainly be a blow to the Government's authority, reinforcing its image of incompetence and lack of control. But at what price? Does Labour really want to align itself with the rabble on the right who have done so much to frustrate this reform? If Labour was ready to come back in its first term of office with the original bill, as drafted by the Law Commission, that might be different. But there's no guarantee. Governments of both main parties have ducked the reform of divorce for 26 years. Neither has ever put it in an election manifesto. It remains the one social policy from which all political parties instinctively shrink. Better embrace an existing but imperfect bill, than wait for Labour's faultless model. Further delay would cause more damage than this

Nature and the beast

HE Chelsea Flower show has been no-table this week for gardeners using hair driers to trick their blooms into flower. Cricketers have shivered, com-mon flowers and native trees are more than a month behind and a walk in Britain this bank holiday may be to risk frostbite. May 1996 is shaping up to be the coldest on record in one of the latest ever springs. Anyone remember last year's heatwaves or that May 1995 was the warmest ever? Clearly we are in climate chaos, with no idea what normal weather now is. The scientific consensus is that we are seeing the onset of maninduced climate change. It suggests that we are burning so much fossil fuel that the world is heating up and it predicts sea level rises and just the sort of weather extremes that we are experiencing. But another theory is gaining ground. Called the Howard Hypothees (HH) it proposes that the Home Secretary is entirely responsible for the lousy weather which Britain is now enduring. Consider. Mr Howard is a famously cold man. No beakerfuls of the warm South here, no sunny disposition, only a bleak, unforgiving northern latitude disposi-tion. Under his thrall the political skies have darkened, the Tories' colour, once true blue, has turned deep grey and the perpetual cumulus over Westminster evidently reflects the thinking within. Howard, an economic and social dry

(notice the numbe of droughts in the past five years) is sad to be an unnatural force in the land and Nature, so the Howard Hypothesis goesis rebelling against him much as a boy tries to reject a foreign object lodgecwithin. First signs of Nature fighting MiHoward were seen in the summer of 198 when the environ ment secretary traviled to the Earth Summit. He climbed aswer to reach the canopy of the Amazon ainforest, gasped at the beauty of the rees, claimed he would protect the world and was promptly dive-bombec by angry bees. Stung into action by evironmentalists, he signed Britain up tothe Rio Convention and Agenda 21, which committed us to fairness in trade, fresom of information, equality, sustainale development, the elimination of pover, a widening of democracy and protectic of all species. Since then the natural ad social environments can be shownto have markedly deteriorated with mee crime, more prisons, more cars, morenoxious emissions, more destruction of nature and more species loss than eve. HH suggests that May 1996 is Nature's evenge on Mr Howard's hubris. But if Britain gets weather that reflects its poticians, what can we expect of New Latur? The evidence is so far scanty, bu Bangladeshi meteorologists may give u some early clues. Many of the cyclon, that regularly lash with appalling erocity the most vulnerable people in he poorest country in the world build d'around the Andaman islands in the Ba of Bengal. Here there are rosy sunses, grand views over normally calm, siling seas and the main town is Port Bla-



Slight justice is no justice

The West's fears of getting in too deep in Bosnia means Karadzic and Mladic may not face trial. Can we allow them to get away with murder, asks MARTIN WOOLLACOTT. **Illustration by PETER TILL**

KNOW their aces better than our own leaders. There is the one who looks like a stand-up come dian, with his absurd plume of rous appearance, like the boss of a sausage factory who eats too many of his own wares. Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic dominated the war and. for the last few weeks have been dominating what can be called the peace in Bosnia. The question of whether Karadzic. in particular, is going to end up in The Hague, facing war crimes charges, or whether he

will continue to control the Bosnian Serb republic he created, has been much discussed The compromise seems to be that he will do neither. It's unsatisfactory, and not yet con-firmed, but, if it is, it will be

better than nothing.
The future of what was Yugoslavia is still in contention, as it was during the actual fighting, between those outside forces who want merely to contain the conflict, and those with at least slightly more radical ideas. The destruction of Karadzic and perhaps Mladic as vell could serve either purpose For those who want true intervention, it could lead on to been part of this process of

more vigorous action both within Bosnía and against Slobodan Milosevic and Franjo Tudiman in Serbia and Crostia For those who merely want containment, it would be a limited process but one dramatic enough to legitimise the decisions made at Dayton.
The tale is a tangled one. The Clinton administration has been bombarded by calls for Karadzic's and Miadic's arrest.

Meanwhile, Carl Bildt, the chief of the civilian international effort in Bosnia, had been trying to out-manoeuvre Karadzic by building up the more moderate prime minister of Serbian Bosnia, Rajko Kasa-gic, who seemed established in Banja Luka, which is a real town, while Karadzic languished in dismal Pale. Kasagic was responding well to the inducements of interna-

tional aid, and was ready to say, at least, that refugees ought to be returning. If things had gone according to plan, John Major's trip to Banja Luka yesterday would have building up Kasagic, which was helped by the recent deployment of British troops to a base outside that town. But Karadzic made Kasagic an offer he could not refuse, and replaced him with one of his

Bildt was angry. Richard Holbrooke, who pushed the Dayton Accord through, was both furious and tendentious. "If Karadzic gets away with it. it will lead to the partition of the country," he said, ignoring his own role in that process. Richard Goldstone, the prose-cutor at the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, says the arrest of Karadzic and Mia interests of justice but in the

interests of peace". Now there is a report that Clinton's special envoy has secured a promise from Milos vic that Karadzic will take a political back seat. This was the deal that Bildt first brokered, but with Kasagic in place. Even so, the idea is still that Karadzic's influence will wane and his men in time lose

their places. How could Milosevic favour the arrest of Karadzic, or Mladic? In The Hague, they could implicate him in a way that could not be ignored by the most cynical outside gov ernment, From Milosevic's point of view, it would be far better if Karadzic died or disap peared. Yet that might also while, there are still gains, like American recognition of Ser-bia, to be extracted from Wash-

ington while negotiating, among other things, on the fate The contradiction at the heart of western policy in for-mer Yugoslavia is that between using, and placating, the exist-ing regimes in Serbia and Cro-atia and pursuing just solutions in Bosnia. Tudiman provided the military instrument that the military instrument that brought the Serb terror to an end. Milosevic has brilliantly survived throughout by offering himself as the means of disciplining the Bosnian Serb regime, while never quite delivering. The Dayton accord was built on the foundation of

Croatian military strength and Serbian diplomatic cooperation.
There are evident weak-

sses in both the civilian and the military structures set up at Dayton. Nobody is in overall command of both. Carl Bildt has limited powers and resources and is obliged to pur-

sue his purposes by subterfuge and by giving or withholding economic aid. Nevertheless, he represents the more activist school and is supported, inter-mittently, by European governments.
The American military, which dominates the Imple-

mentation Force, is naturally inclined to take a minimalist view of its role. The Powell doo trine of "bring the boys safe home" reigns supreme, and a model of policy based partly on the operation in northern Iraq is the preferred one. General John Shalikashvili,

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was, it may be remem-bered, in overall charge of that Iraqi operation. In retrospect, the essentials were a short period of military occupation, allowing civilian officials to get on with aid and reconstruction, followed by a withdrawal on schedule and the setting up of an aerial rapid reaction force is a neighbouring country. All this is focused on preventing fighting rather than on trying to engineer political changes.

UT to imagine that view seriously conflicts with the purposes of the adminis-tration is foolish. The US army may be worried about losing soldiers if it tries to take Karad zic, but that is not the critical sideration is what the American government thinks is possible, while keeping Milosevic on side. If that government Wanted Karadzic arrested he

toould be arrested, and swiftly. The hope with Dayton was always that in spite of all the compromises it made with evil men and with the evil facts as they were on the ground, it could set in motion processe that would begin to erode the power of those men and the per manence of those facts.

There are developments to be welcomed in former ʻugoslavia, Franjo Tudjman has been chastised by his own constitutional court for suspending the opposition admin istration of Zagreb, Substantial numbers of Krajina Serbs are ready to go home and swear loyalty to the Croatian state. Haris Silajdzic's avowedly multi-ethnic Party for Bosnia doing better than expected. There is some reviving trade between the zones. Probably, Karadzic will be wholly out-me noeuvred sooner or later. But until the overall strategy in Washington and in European capitals is aimed at change throughout former Yugoslavia in Serbia and Croatia as much as in Bosnia, this tendency for the better cannot be consistently reinforced.

Herods and villains



Mary Riddell

HE ARRIVAL of a new boss in the workplace is traditionally accompa-nied by the rustle of P45s and the scratch of fourtain pen on redundancy cheque. Nowhere is this cus-tom more prevalent than in newspaper offices, where in-coming editors have a particu-lar, and often understandable,

Nothing unusual then in Sue Douglas's actions on taking over at the Sunday Express. In came some new faces, and out

Whether Ms Douglas's entirely judicious is a matter of opinion. Certainly the readership's delight on encountering all this fresh talent did not appear to match that of the editor. But then lifting the circulation of such an ailing newspaper is a task akin to parting the Red Sea. This week, she found herself confronting a rather different biblical saga when Graham Jones her former assistant editor, took her to an industrial tribunal claiming unfair dismissal

and sexual discrimination. Ms Douglas, he claimed, had acted as "a King Herod in reverse" — not killing bables but ridding herself of unwanted male employees. Let us not dwell on the gruesome spectacle of this slaughter of

discrimination. His victory does not reflect well on his editor. Naturally no one would condone the flouting of good employment practice. But the most extraordinary thing is that this case

ever saw the light of day.
All editors, men and women
catapulted into difficult and vulnerable positions, wish to be surrounded not only by people of talent but by those with whom they feel comfort-able. Those who do not, for whatever reason, fulfil the criteria may be dismissed. It is not a nice business and Ms Douglas did not, as the tribu-nal chairman made clear, behave very nicely. But then Max Hastings hardly acquired



fondness for rearranging the deck chairs vent some old hands.

the innocents, except to record that Mr Jones, who is 44, won on the dismissal and lost on the

fairy godmother stats on b-coming editor of the kening Standard, where the bod-le ting reached Cullodemropo tions. Neither did othe male editors in the same sitution

I do not however recil the they let go taking the Joes route. Indeed, if every scke employee sought simils redress, the industrial tibu nals of Britain would reem! the glassware departmet of Harrods on the first day (the sale or the courts of law oce Michael Howard has thoough ly messed up sentencing

The dismal conclusion that the Sue Douglas case, nd particularly the discrimin-tion dimension, reflected to fact that she is a youngish, pretty woman who wears sort skirts. "I would have been irested differently if I had ben a woman," said Mr Jones. Maybe. But it is not long sine women were treated very nicely in newspapers as longs their tea-making and typing skills were in full working

It is palpably absurd these day to suggest that, in general there is any distinction between the sexes. A clutch of talented women have now edied or deputy-edited national newspapers. Their male col-leagues have no problem, or none that I have ever noticed. in working to their agenda. Highly-placed women in

newspapers are not, as this case might suggest, more ruth-less or unreasonable or neurotic than men. Nor are they sexist, ageist and therefore averse to white haired men in middle age, who are invaluable as an endless fount of illumination on obscure topics, such as where the supplement planned in the event of the Queen Mother's death is to be found and who scored the last goal for Sheffield Wednesday.

Clearly Ms Douglas and Mr Jones did not have this mutually-supportive working arthise with his plight, I do feel that she emerges as the greater victim of discrimination by a system which still decrees that behaviour tolerable in a man is less so in a woman. And what of other Mr Joneses who may feel themselves afflicted by the King Herod syndrome? They could further consult their Bibles and reflect woefully on the fall of Adam. On the other hand, they could follow the 11th commandment and grovel hopefully to the new boss. Irrespective of sex

Mary Riddell was deputy editor of Today newspaper

Smallweed



F. AS has been suggested. Jude The Obscure the Motion Picture breaks Thomas Hardy in the cinema world, ("the film is set to do [for Hardy]...what ense And Sensibility did for Jane Austen" according

to one press report) the only surprise will be that it has taken so long. T H's novels are stuffed full of topics beloved of American audi-ences in particular —

chiefly sex, dread diseases, fatal accidents and capital punishment. It was unfortunate that Hardy's last cin ematic foray — Tess, some 17 years ago — was master-Polanski, a man handi-capped in his ability to publicise the film in North America by dint of a warrant for his arrest on allegations of sexual relations with a minor.
Jude, by contrast, is off to

a flying start, with Hardy's biographer Martin Sey-mour-Smith tearing into director Michael Winterbottom over the no doubt at tistically essential nude love scene involving actress Kate Winslet. If that doesn't pull them in nothing will. but as Hardy's big novels

head for the Hollywood treatment, what will be left for the "sensitive adaptations" upon which Britain's studios pride themselves?

MALLWEED is as fed

onext man with all that blether about how notoriety, fame, infamy and genuine stature have all been blended together by the "cult of celebrity", but we are forced to agree that there may be something in it. Central to this conversion is RM Smythe & Co, Inc, of 26 Broadway, New York. This historic-paper specialist is advertising internationally its latest big autograph auction, to be held on June 6. "Top Secret World War

Two Stalin documents to be sold" it declares, adding that papers endorsed by Winston Churchill and presidents Roosevelt and Truman will also be on

offer. So far, fair enough, Then, having detoured briefly around Napoleon and Lincoln, Smythe's publicity takes us brightly to "Cinema", including "Leslie Howard and Gone With The Wind". Take your pick then: the century's biggest mass murderer or one of its most boring films.

TIS NOT the European Union that John Major should be gunning for. but the far more sinister European Broadcasting Union, the annual "song contest of which, as witnessed a week ago, repre-sents nothing less than a conspiracy by the small European countries to heap humiliation on the large ones. This year, mighty Germany was blown away in the qualifiers. Nuclear-armed France was dispatched on the voting, as was an entity called "Royaume-Uni". Mean-

while, the pumpernickel cheerfully awarded each other musical superpower status. Slovakia, Maita and Estonia exchanged warm smiles with the Norwegian hosts prior to the lading of their brethren with huge numbers of points. The less offensive the country's international persona, the more enormous the score. Needless to say, the oldest hands at this game, the Irish, not only won but have in the days since victory come up with an entirely new angle on the EBU's

ritual punishment of Europe's heavyweights. The one drawback to winning, of course, is that you face a £2.5 million bill for hosting the 1997 contest. Or rather, you do, unless you can persuade someone else into going Dutch, so to speak. Thus on Monday, the Irish Times reported sug-gestions that next year's

event should be staged in Belfast or Derry "as a symbolic peace gesture". This would have the entirely peaceful side effect of stick-ing the BBC with half the tab. Should that fail, Irish Labour MP Joe Costello has an even bolder suggestion --- Brussels should pay half. When, inevitably, this proposal comes before the Council of Ministers, Major should show his mettle by giving it the "between the eyes" treatment, gumming up both the EU and, the EBU in one strike. Now that's diplomacy.

BAD WEEK for cads, dowry-hunters and gold-diggers — American researchers claimed a 97 per cent accuracy rate in the prediction of the success or failure of particular mar-riages. The would-be couple face a 45-minute interrogation; facial reactions to cer-

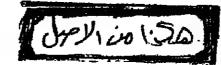
taped, adrenalin flow and heartbeat are monitored, and the ambience is more suggestive of a friendly chat with the anti-terrorist squad than of pre-marital counselling. One organisa-tion bound to be excited by this breakthrough has to be the Church of England. For years, it has made its own low-tech stabs at "success, divorce" prediction, one of the more recent being a short questionnaire for the betrothed entitled, How Deep Is Your Relationship?

Balancing this document on one knee while grappling with a sherry glass and a Biro is a feature of those gruesome "infornal talks" attendance at which is required of the Anglican affianced. But once the cost of this latest Yank knowhow comes down, those in-terviews will neverbe the same again, although the thought of C of E clergymen struggling with lie deectors

and blood-testing equipment brings to mind those Dad's Army jokes about the "vicar's apparatus".

MAGNIFICENT res-

MAGNIFICENT response to our modest proposals to extend the "code enfusion" of rugby's league and union into other fields of activity. This is not surprising. After all, to the English mind, division of any sort — whether ision of any sort — whether the partition of Cyprus or the break between Mods and Scooter-boys — is, prima facie, a "tragedy", resulting from some dreadful misunderstanding. One of the ideas we have received addresses perhaps the decreat fault line in our the deepest fault line in our society: the straight glass v jug debate. Now is the time for the two sides to get round the table and thrash out a compromise. There has never been a better opportunity. We implore them, take a risk for peace.



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Passive observers in our own front rooms



Martin Kettle

TEPHEN Cameron died the loneliest of deaths, knifed by a deams, knilled by a complete stranger on a motorway slip-road ofter a driving dispute, and then ignored. But in a society as integrated by news media as ours, such an event is now a vicariously shared experience

Like the James Bulger killing, it is an instant parable both of individual pathology and colective negligence.
After such a shock, it is inevitable that we spend time de-bating whether things are worse now than they were in the past. Alost people instinc-ticals account that they ively assume that they are, but it is important to realise

that throughout history human beings have always taken the gloomy view. My school motto was Fortem Posce Animum, which roughly translated (I think) means Seek a Strong Spirit, and as sixth-formers some of us did just that at the Woodman on Friday nights. It was only later that I discovered that the words come from Pliny, warning two thousand years ago about how much more danger

ous it had become to go out on the streets of Rome at night since he was a boy. We habitually dramatise the

newent and the unknown future frequently seems more dangerous than the known past. People often worry much more about trivial things that have not happened than about hair-raising things that are over and done with. This can lead to major self-delusion. This week the Social Affairs Unit published a report on bad behaviour that was revealingly entitled Gentality Recalled. But there never was a golden age of infinite mutual respect and unalloyed com-mon decency. It only seems

that way. But surely there can be no argument that our civic and social bonds are actually under threat? Again, most people would instinctively agree. They say that people today are too possessive, too aggressive, too lacking in res-ponsibility. Dignity and pri-vacy are besiegod. Public vir-tues are derided, Public service is seen as an excuse for private greed. Public spaces have been turned into places of threat rather than repose. Par-liament has just been debating the Noise Bill, which aims to force local authorities to be

tougher on noisy neighbours

and loud parties, quintessen-

tial anti-social phenomena of

air times. We can and should argue at length about how, when and why these things came to pass but the current weakness of the civic bond cannot seriously be in dispute. It is in urgent need of remedial and creative attention. This is the single most important issue of our times. It is also one which is high on Tony Blair's agenda and which informs both his rhetoric and appeal. People respond to his talk about a

more cohesive society.

Yet translating talk into action is very hard. We may all

disapprove of road rage, but in the end it is down to individuals to control it. At the same time, it is important not to underestimate the residual strength of the bonds which still survive. We should not assume that those who now seek to encourage greater social cohesion and civic engagement have no bricks with which to build. The important thing is to know how to assem-

week organised by the Citizen-ship Foundation, Professor Ivor Crewe of Essex University put some new facts and figures into the public arena which are both daunting and illuminatmg for this task. Crewe and an American colleague, Donald Scaring have just completed a research survey comparing the meaning of citizenship in Britain and the United States, And one of their prime find-ings is that, in contrast to the American preoccupation with legal rights and duties, British people strongly associate citi-zonship with membership of a

ble them, and how to care

enough to try.

At a fascinating lecture this

up by saying, "I don't consciously think of myself as citizen, I am English and I live in Brentwood". Twothirds of the British part of the survey agreed (even if they didn't actually live in Brent-wood). When they were asked

whether they principally associated the word "citizen" with membership of a commu mity or the possession of legal rights and duties, they chose community. Unlike Ameri-cans, for whom citizenship is about laws and voting, the British equate crtizenship with participation, with involvement in civic associations and with community groups.

HAT, at least, is the theory. But the gap between theory and practice is wide. This kind of civic engagement is in extensive decline. When Crewe asked his respondents about their actual connections with other citizens, he found that a third of British people do not engage in any sort of community activity at all and that only one in 10 do so even occasionally. Since "commu-nity activity" covered such

modest initiatives as making contact with neighbours, the picture is of a society which is retreating rapidly and decisively into the privacy of its own bonies.

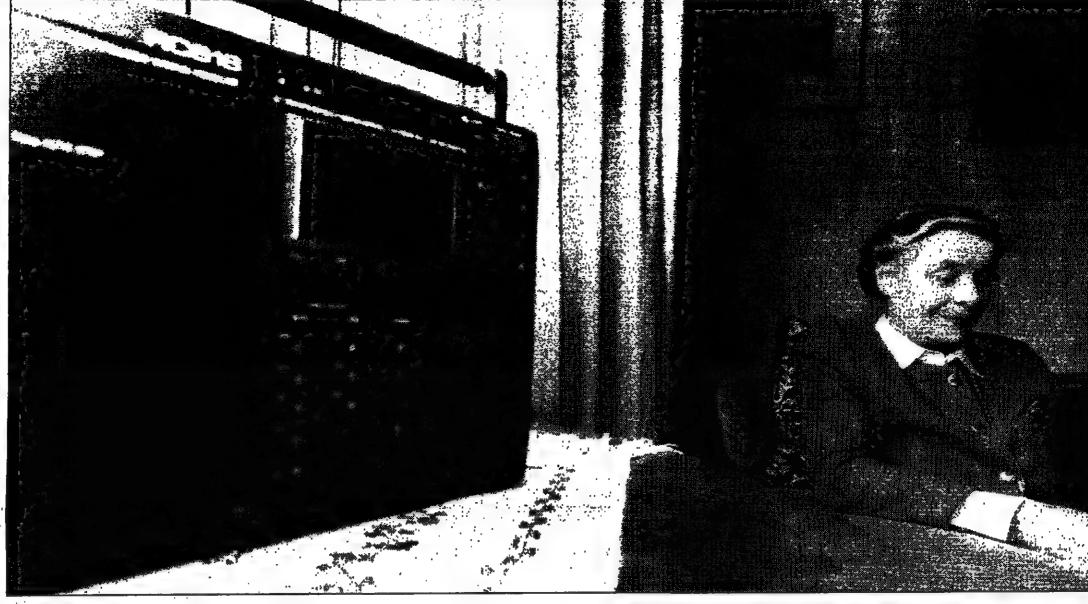
own dones. Not only that. Crewe's research also describes a soci-ety which does not talk about public issues. Offered a list of 14 topics, ranging from Europe and the economy to local schools and traffic, he found that two out of three British respondents had had either no conversation at all on any of them during the preceding month, or bad only discussed them once or twice. Half of them thought such discussions were irrelevant anyway Very few thought that public discourse was in any sense a duty. A clear ma-jority believe that it is best not to discuss politics at social

gatherings For when people close the door on the world outside, they do what we all do — they watch television. Every genthe world outdoors than its predecessors, for TV viewers are not joiners but loners. The average person watches

day, an activity which takes up nearly half of their free time. In front of the box the can learn more about public events — like Stephen Cameron's death — than any previous generation. But their knowledge (and their doubtess genuine concern) is not inatched by any form of activ ity, let alone any activity which might reduce the likelihood of such events recurring. So the good news is that we feel a strong commitment to communities. The bad news is that we do nothing about it.

with the result that those very bonds deteriorate. Human beings today are not signifi-cantly cruder or ruder than they ever were if anything rather the opposite. But we have become passive observ-ers of our own lives, mere spectators of our traumphs and misfortunes. We are not ignorant of how we might be different, nor unaware of the effects of our failure to change. As Crewe says, quoting Seamus Heapey's metaphor about life, we need to start it up, to keep it running and to start it up again.

Their numbers are few and they hail from the genteel middle class, but the angry listeners of **BBC** radio pack a big punch: just ask Gerry Anderson, or the newly ousted Paul Gambaccini. JOHN CUNNINGHAM meets the duardians of the airwaves



Tuned in . . . Mrs Jocelyn Hay, founder of listeners

Sound and fury of Middle England

cini's Sunday brunch last week-end, in that cliche of a London show biz eaterie. Joe Allen's, stretched well into the afternoon. But while white wine and chat were in companionable flow, the BBC was putting out an announcement that Gambaccini, the classical music presenter who alleg-edly causes apoplexy at many of the nation's breakfast tables, is to leave Radio 3 after

tables, is to leave radio 3 arter only a year.

The news brought more comfort than the Epilogue that night to angry listeners—
scores, certainly, hundreds, probably, thousands, who knows?—who can't stand Gambaccini's North American and the stand of the can accent; can't stand his chattiness; won't forgive him for not being insufficiently knowledgeable about classi-cal music; and won't forgive his Morning Choice for shunt-ing their beloved Composer Of

The Week to noon.
They feel it Ought Not To Be
Allowed. Or, as one complainant put it: "His hour of sugar
had the tartar rising in tides all along my dental work."
It's easy to write off such

listeners as greyheads poking through the moth-eaten patch-work of Middle England; longing for the sepulchral tones of old-style BBC announcers, forming self-important pro-test groups, and sending letbut their influence is extraordinary. Very few consumer or shareholder pressure groups manage to topple their hate figures. In spite of the huge extraor conject them. Cody is outcry against them, Cedric Brown of British Gas and Trevor Newton of Yorkshire vor Newton of Yorkshire
Water, left in their own time,
hands ringing with gold. By
contrast — and however diplomatically the BBC puts it — an
established national presenter
(18 years with Radio 1, 12 on
Kaleidsocope) is not having

his Radio 3 contract renewed in September because of pub-lic pressure. And before the fall of Gambaccini, angry lis-teners brought about the banishment from Radio 4 of Gerry Anderson, whose accent and attitudes put his show, Ander-son Country, on the hitlist the moment Middle England clapped ears on it. Thousands of complaints

were sent to Chris Dunkley of Radio 4's Feedback and, of course, much of the protest is diffuse. However, unlike diffuse. However, unlike
shareholders' or utility users'
organisations, the broadcasting protesters are tiny, infant
Davids. And not all of them
are Daily Telegraph readers.
When headteacher Ian Gordon had a letter in the Guardin last luke head controller

ian last July about controller
Nicholas Kenyon's regime at
Radio 3, the replies led him to
set up the Save Radio 3 Campaign. The wave against Gambaccini has rolled to his door

in Kent, bringing some 270 let-ters. "Sixty to 70 per cent of them say, "This man's got to go'. I feel sorry for him, but he's got three or four other broadcasting things be does," says Mr Gordon.

Scant sympathy, same from the largest pressure group, the Voice of the Listener and Viewer, founded by and chaired by Mrs Jocelyn Hay. She says: "We're not calling it a victory. We certainly don't erow over people and he has been very successful on other programmes." Very prim, Mrs Hay, but you can bet many elderly listeners relish a triumph that will ensure the church clock stands still at four and there's honey for tea.

campaigning?
VLV is a very proper organisation. If may be run from Mrs Hay's bungalow in Kent, but it has the ear of everyone at the Beeb from the DG down; it may have only 2,500 members, but it monitors their groans by computer. And most of all, it has the very determined 68-year-old Mrs Hay, "army wife" she says, who has lived in half a dozen foreign countries, is a mem-ber of the Women's Institute and the Soroptimists, has worked in services broadcast ing and for Woman's Hour. Lord Reith would be proud of her enunciation — and lucky to get a word in edgeways. Mrs Hay, cosy in her cherry



cardigan, taps the Radio Times that next week promises snatches of Beethoven, Purcell, Holst and Prokofiev hosted by Mr G, and explains the exasperation of Middle England: "They changed the format, they changed the pre-senter, they brought in some-one who was associated with a commercial rival [Gambac-cini did a stint at Classic FM]. I don't want to be racist or xen-ophobist because I'm not, but he was perceived to be different because he had a different accent. Had they brought him in to present Composer Of The Week, there would have been

hardly any outery."
It's this last statement that's the key to much of the fury. it's the pace of change. If only they did it gradually, says Mrs Hay, giving the word the full four syllable aerobic stretch. Suddenly, you begin to make sense of the sound of Middle England: it is to do with daily

The news of Gambaccini's departure brought more comfort than the Epilogue to some that night

domestic duties being dis-turbed by a different voice or a different timing or packaging of a programme.
Mild-toned Ian Gordon, who retired from teaching at 50, seethes at "slack presenters

and superfluous talk", and radio's concentration on pop-Beethoven wrote only two works; the Fifth and the Ninth

symphonies," he says. You begin to perceive the obsessive mindset of some disgruntled listeners — a term Mr Gordon doesn't reject, with his detestation of the trend towards playing single move-ments rather than the whole work. Just as the videoed Jan Austen offends his idea of in-tellectual integrity: "I bitterly regret that people are de-prived of the complete vision

of genius in the arts," he says.
For Rachael Mawood, who
founded a small group to keep
an ear on Radio 4 (called ap-

propriately, Radio 4 Watch) vigilance is all about ensuring the channel remains "world class", as she puts it. It's an area of British excellence, admired by foreigners, which we should not allow to be tar-nished by falling standards, she argues. But come down to

specific grouses, and it's back to Gerry Anderson. He was anathema because "he didn't seem to like anyone. He was so scornful and belittling. People won't forgive him for that." It was not the Northern Ire-

land accent that Mrs Mawood objected to: it was the much more serious charge that Anderson's attitudes damaged relations between the British

and the Irish. What emerges from all these criticisms and concerns is that for such listeners radio isn't the sound wallpaper it's become for millions of others. It's literally a valued friend they make time for in their daily schedules. And they are loyal.

"The radio audience is one

of peculiar loyalty. It's one that television producers would give their right arms for," Mrs Hay beams. If pre-senters don't engage with lis-teners, the listeners are put off alienated

off, alienated. Alienated. That's a strong word for Mrs Hay, who, disavowing that she is in any way a Little Englander, sees way a Little Englander, sees radio as a vital way of binding disparate Britain together, a

force for good that mustn't be damaged. Press her, and she has a gut feeling that things might fall apart, but she can't put it any more strongly or specifically than that. It's nice

of her to worry, but it is an odd anxiety to have.

The specific threat she does mention is that in its fight with commercial rivals to do well in the ratings, radio might be the casualty the BBC is prepared to lose. We're on the side of the

broadcasters, she insists, and VLV has, she claims, scored some notable behind-thescenes victories: getting the corporation for the first time to make promises to the pub-lic in its new charter; and persuading the Government to take only 35 per cent rather than 80 per cent as it planned from the sale of BBC

transmitters. That's all very altruistic, and it's reflected in the VLV newsletters. Most are filled with briefing notes on conferences and symposia, and BBC staff appointments. But right at the back is where the readers let rip. And some of them are a very different bunch from Mrs Hay. "It is suggested that we lose credibility by always whingeing. But when one considers the degree to which radio is trivialised. what can we do but complain

As most producers are under 35, Mrs M Patterson of Nuneaton surmises that "this could explain the shift in standards and values to be found in a lot of current broadcasting." Few who write allege lower moral standards in pro

grammes. An exception is Mr Paul Graham of Holywood, Co Down: "I am gravely con-cerned about the bias in the media which promotes an anti-Christian world view. Many people in my locality

ahare my concerns."

But as for what Middle England listeners really enjoy. hear ye the Rev Ian Bradley: "Goodness knows how we can stop the seemingly inevitable slide into panic/commercialism validity on the part of the BBC hierarchy. However, we still have excellent programmes like The Archers, Songs Of Praise, Your Hundred Best Tunes, and Middlemarch."

Sorry Mr Bradley, but you're about to lose another Radio 4 fixture. After half a century, Saturday Night Theatre is being aired later and at half its length because its audience has fallen from a peak of 6.75 millions in the 1950s to a mere 300,000.

Maybe the real issue here isn't falling standards on radio so much as the plight of the angry listener. Clearly, they are an endangered species someone should be fighting to preserve

Poetic evaluation that made Beryl blush

Flattery is getting a vanity publisher everywhere, writes PETER LENNON

BRYL Fleming was thrilled when she received the response to her entry for the International Open Amateur Poetry Competition: 'In view of your talent, we also wish to publish your

poem. Threads, in our forth-coming antbology . . " it read. Already the "evaluation for artistry" had made her blush; it was almost "ridiculously flattering", she said. She could not wait to tell her friend and there is "no entry fee, pay-

fellow poet, Mrs Ravenett, of Brighton. But Mrs Janis Ra-venett had news for Mrs Fleming — a letter saying: "And -Janis, in view of your talent, we wish to publish your poem Alone and fearful Isolated"

Mrs Ravenett had also received a flattering "artistic evaluation" of her work, in evaluation of her work, in exactly the same words. This is a particular world of vanity publishing by a circu-itous route into which Mrs Fleming, of Worthing, West Sussex, and hundreds of aspir-ing poets are being tempted (by advertisements in national papers, including the

Everyone is invited to enter the "international competi-tion" with the pledge that

ments or purchase require-ments", and a chance to win 11,000.
Although they thought they were dealing with Whitstable in Kent, both women were

plugging into a literary medi-cine show in Owings Mills, Maryland. The correspon-dence gave no indication that this was an American-based operation. Poems had to be of fewer than 21 lines (to maximise the number of customers gathered in the proposed an-thology, called The Other Side of The Mirror). Competitors then found themselves invited to fork out £39.95 for the book, if they wanted to see them-selves in print.

When we tracked down the International Society of Poets. which runs the competition, and asked about these cloned

"evaluations", a spokesman in Maryland claimed the fault was not theirs; it was really the different stance British people take towards certain

The British apparently tend to look at the word "evalua-

tion" with closer scrutiny than satisfied customers in America. David Alecock, vice-president of the competition, said: "In Great Britain, I guess, the word is looked at much more determinedly than we do." You mean looked

curately?"I think people thought they

were going to get a critique," Alecock said, "and we do not do that for each individual poem. That is absolutely true." But what could

at more ac-

"evaluate" possibly mean other than that the society was going to evaluate the work." Alecock, recognising that

the umpire was about to strike, said that in future the word would be changed in brochures intended for "There is no doubt that this

is a kind of vanity publishing," Alecock said. "But we have also been in the business for a very long time, since

1982."
Alecock (who has personally only been in the business two months, he admitted) also thought it prudent to mention that they had covered themselves so far as advertising regulations were concerned: "I just want to mention this to you because this is somewhat

different from what people are used to."
Alecock promised to fax the names of the British judges of the competition, but failed to

do so. Equally the British rep-resentative of this business, a Chrys Chrysostou, available at a Mail Order business in Kent, failed to return There is an additional dan-ger if you win: you might find yourself in gruesome com-pany. A Canadian mass murderer entered one of the soci-ety's quarterly contests last

year. Clifford Olson, con-victed of killing eight girls and three boys in 1982, had written a poem, rather tactlessly en-titled "Success". He reached the semi-finals before the "judges" caught on and pulled

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Errors of Howard's way

HE central error in Michael Howard's reasoning ('A perver-sion of justice', May 24) has not yet, it seems, been ade-quately exposed. Speaking to the 1993 Conservative Party conference, Michael Howard said: "Let us be clear. Prison works. It ensures that we are protected from murderers, muggers and rapists, and it makes many who are tempted to commit crime think twice." A welter of evidence contra-

dicts this rhetoric. Most crime is property-related (93 per cent) and nothing to do with murder and rape. Most mur-ders are crimes of passion or wrongs committed by people suffering from clinically diag-nosable mental conditions— not people who would be suddenly sobered into not killing by the threat of a prison sentence. Over 60 per cent of imprisonments are for property-related offences. The prison population is

now 55,000 and projected by the Home Office to rise to 59,900 by 2004. A massive expansion of the prison building programme since 1982, and the incarceration of an extra 10.000 since 1993, should, according to Mr Howard's logic have cast a deterent shadow over large sections of the com-munity and thus reduced crime. In fact, recorded crime has doubled since 1980. (Dr) Gary Slapper. Law School Staffordshire University. Leek Road, Stoke on Trent, ST4 2DE.

HY DOES the Home Secretary persist in asserting, in the teeth of common sense, that "at least while he is locked up in prison, the criminal can't go on commit-ting his crimes"? Is it now

policy to bind all prisoners hand and foot 24 hours a day? If so, I think this should be disclosed to Parliament and the general public. And surely even that cannot prevent prisoners from commit-ting a wide range of criminal offences, including blas-phemy, threatening behav-iour, behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, and even treason. (Dr) Andrew M Colman. 11 East Avenue, Leicester LE2 1TE.

MPRISONMENT is not a means of reforming a criminal, or reducing crime, but a punishment that also safe-guards the public from that criminal. Here in Liverpool, victims or witnesses of an armed assault are unwilling to come forward because they fear reprisals from the attacker, all too often let out with a suspended or short

Opponents of minimum sentences closeted in their leafy suburbs should try liv-ing here and then they would realise that victims would like justice too. Steve Downing. 33 Minster Court, Liverpool 7 L7 3QD

ICHAEL Howard's belief that sentences are too soft is perfectly understandable given his own personal experience. Despite repeated defeats in the courts his behaviour has not changed one

If he had been banged up for a few years with a couple of convicted murderers and a chamber pot it might well have altered his attitude. John Birtwistle. 60 Stonelea Close, Chippenham SN14 0DD.



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TO STUDY OUR

OUR leading article about Jaymee Bowen (When rights collide, May 23) implies that medical

management decisions can be a simple matter if the cost of a

particular treatment and the

likely success of it are known. However, that is not so. Even where the probable benefit of a

procedure is known with ac-

curacy (which was not the case with Child B), this figure

is of use only to a statistician

and is not necessarily helpful when considering an individ-

ual patient. There are a host of other considerations which

also need to enter into the

equation, including the dis-

comfort and possible side-effects of the various available

treatments, the general health

the ability of differing patients

to cope with alternative treat-

ments. In the final analysis,

the desires and expectations

also be taken into account.

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Solomon facing a clinical task



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The many friends of Eyyad Sarraj

WE WISH to draw attention to the arrest and deten-tion by the Palestinian Authority on May 18 of Dr Eyyad Sarraj, eminent psychiatrist, founding director of the Gaza Community Mental Health Centre, leading human-rights activist and head of the Palestinian Independent Commis-sion for Citizens' Rights (Cour sion for Citizens' Rights (Court detains Arafat critic, May 22). Dr Ṣarraj, exercising his right to free speech, has criticised the Palestinian Authority's human-rights record. He was quoted in the New York Times as saying that the self-rule government was "corrupt, dictatorial and oppressive". He was irrested and interrogated for libel and defamation" by a military judge of the state se-

curity court. He has not been charged or tried, and is being detained without counsel. In view of the unjust nature of his detention. we insist that the Palestinian Authority release him at once (Prof) Kamal Abu Dib. Adonis.

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WE read with alarm your report of the arrest and Palestinian population living under Israeli military occupaof human rights in the former ook forward to hearing of his

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detention of Dr Eyyad Sarraj. We had the pleasure of meeting Dr Sarraj a few years ago on a visit to Gaza and found him to be the most fervent campaigner for all those human rights denied to the tion at the time. It is to Dr Sarrai's credit that he has con tinued to champion the cause Occupied Territories and to speak out against abuses. We immediate release. Charlotte Cornwell. Kirsty MacColl.

Julie Christie John Gillett. Richard Wilson. Susan Wooldridge. c/o 51 Claremont Road,

efit of a treatment, you state that it is already "bad enough trying to measure clinical need, likely effectiveness, and cost in the task of Solomon which health authorities are requried to undergo". But it is important to

place contracts with the pro-viders of those services. It is no part of the brief of the pur-chasers to assess the manage-ment of single patients. Deci-sions involving individual patients should be made by the doctors (as part of the providing arm of the new NHS)

who care for them. Unfortunately, in more and more aspects of clinical medi-cine today, medical authority is being usurped by NHS managers as health authorities take decisions that should be made by provider units, and hospital managers in their turn erode medical choices.

In contrast to statements that choice can now be freely debated, in fact the reverse is the case. A national debate is not what is required in almost all instances since each case is unique and individual. And time could take place between patient and doctor have now en replaced by decrees from a faceless manager, or, worse, decisions made by a court of law in the full glare of (Dr) Robert Behrman Lea Barn,

Berks StastW. HAVE been involved in analysis of media handling of the Child B case since the beginning. Two conclusions emerge from such analysis both confirmed by your edito-

rial First from start to finish

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father was clearly committed to carrying on the battle as if his child could only gain and never lose from his efforts, but there were other more complex ways of looking at it, which might have been just as loyal to his child's interest.

Second, few press com-ments ever referred to a poss-ible role for her consultants, and none for her general prac titioner, as potential informed advocates for their patient, whose credibility in that role depended entirely on confi-dence that their decisions were based on the balance of probable gains or losses for their patient and her family, and totally ignored conse-quences for hospital budgets. This point was raised repeatedly by parents of other children treated in the same unit. who were reported as believing that the consultants concerned had indeed reached their decisions in their patients' best interests, without regard to pressures from hospital trust managers

There is a natural alliance between doctors and their pa-tients to defend an adequately funded National Health Service, which depends on an in-creasing role for doctors as informed, independent advocates, and for patients as intelligent co-producers of health rather than consumers of medical care as a marketed commodity. It is the job of poli omists and managers to distribute resources, not doctors. By all means continue your editorial love affair with the new NHS bureaucracy and managed competition, but if you ever get sick, make sure you still have access to a clinician who acts for you, not for the Treasury. (Prof) Julian Tudor Hart. Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. Rowland Hill Street, London NW3 2PF.

YOU rightly refer to the "task of Solomon" which today's health authorities have to undergo, and call for a national framework. The IPPR recently piloted a Citi-zens' Jury in partnership with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Authority, and jurors were asked to consider who should decide how priorities should be set in the NHS. After hearing from various witnesses, they decided that a national body of experts and lay people should be set up to develop national guidelines

The IPPR is currently devel oping this policy proposal, as it is our belief that these hard choices in health care will not go away, no matter which party forms the next government. It is very sad when any treatment is refused on the NHS, but it is surley unacceptable that the responsibilty for these decisons has been passed to unelected health authorities, which the public cannot hold to account. Institute for Public Policy

se difficult decisions

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A bishop joins battle in the debate over the new reformation

24) included a grotesque caricature of the organisational reforms now being considered by the Church of England. You say that these proposals have "prompted extraordinarily little debate" but this is untrue. We have already had two full debates in the General Synod, with more to come. There have been debates in most diocesan synods, at regional meetings and in many parishes. This party reflects the fact that a written summary and audio cassette concerning the proposals was sent to every parish in the country. Comments have poured into Lambeth Palace and there have been numerous discussions in the main bodies affected. Indeed, substantial modifications to the proposals have already been introduced in response to all this debate.

Your second charge is that the reform proposals represent "Thatcherisation" and the introduction of alien management concepts. This, too, is nonsense. The reforms relate to the central institutions of the Church, and the autonomy of the dioceses and the par-ishes is completely unaffected. | Bishop Auckland, | Co. Durham, DL147NR.

WE would support widen-ing the debate on genetic-

The patent route to a cure

/OUR leading article (The This is a complete contrast to the erosion of local govern-ment associated with the Battle of the Primates, May Thatcher years. Moreover, the reforms are grounded in the Anglican tradition of Bishop-on-Synod, whereby episcopul leadership is exercised through consultation and con-sent of the clergy and laity. The Church should not apolegise for seeking to deploy its resources more effectivley, but this is in service of theological imperatives and the charge that the reforms are subservient to management theory is goundless.

There has been almost uni-versal agreement that the national institutions of the Church are at present frag-mented, incoherent and committee-bound. If the Church is to serve the whole nation as well as it should, and if its voice is to be heard clearly. these weaknesses must be tackled. Indeed, it is precisely the Church's commitment to its mission to the whole nation that has inspired its efforts to put more of its own house in order. Michael Dunelm. Bishop of Durham Auckland Castle.

for the health care needs of a nobody has ever reported the whole district, and then to thoughts of her mother. Her ijournalistic and Still enraged WE CAN go further back than 1830 for the first instance of road rage (Letters, May 22). According to Sophocles, Oedipus, whilst hurrying to Corinth, "cut up" a chariot blocking his path. In the fracas

the war" with the charioteer, who would not give way, Oedipus killed him and his passenger. Isabelle Harris. 34 Bulmer Avenue, Hereford HR1 1EJ. IN THE MAY ISSUE OF PROSPECT OUT NOW: DSYCHOLOGY students might look for a link be-**NEAL ASCHERSON**

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The mind-stretching monthly

Cost of a little learning

WAS interested to read Douglas Trainer's article (Quick fix for students, May in which he explained the National Union of Students' support for Barclays Bank's decision to bid to provide private sector student loans on the grounds that the service will be "a vast improve on the system run by SLC with advantages including faster processing and thorough communications with

student representatives. The Student Loans Comtween road rage and the prolif-eration of "traffic-calming" pany does not dispute that since Barclays has branches on a number of campuses it enough to send a rush of blood to the head. As one for whom a may be able to issue loans wore quickly to the students in those areas. However, SLC operates a postal application rocess designed to provide the same service to all eligible students regardless of where they are located in the UK. It is not possible for the company to turn round applications in five days. However, around three quarters of applicants receive their loans within 14 able delays outwith the com-

course, co-ordinate its activi-

ties with them in order to en-

sure the best possible service, for all students.

Student Loans Company.

100 Rothwell Street,

Chief executive

contributors all ignore the most obvious fact about these pany's 21 day performance acts of violence: they are com-mitted exclusively by men. I As for consultation with have yet to see any reports of women motorists stabbing students, the company holds regular meetings with a group other motorists. of student representatives at which they are invited to sug-Department of Sociology. est improvements to the adminstration of the scheme. University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 3BX. Should Barclays' bid be accepted the company will, of

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UNDER present rules ma-ture students over the age of 50 are not entitled to loans from the Student Loans Company. I was advised by the De partment for Education that the reason for this is that "students over 50 do not generally have the same expectation of future earnings as younger people. They are more likely, however, to have access to other sources of finance, such as accumulated savings or commercial loans." Of course, the underlying reason for this is obvious — that they may not be able to pay back the loan and they might (after many years of paying nations and local taxes that have helped to build the education system) receive something for nothing from the state. I am aware that there are quite a number of students who, because their expectation of future earnings has remained unfulfilled, are unable to repay their loans to the company and will be burdened with them and the interest

they attract for many year.
If, when student maintenance grants are replaced with loans, the same view is taken, then very many olde mature students will be deprived of the opportunity of higher education and higher education will be deprived of the benefit of the older mature tudents' participation. All the political parties

aintain that formal educa tion should be available as a continuing and lifelong process. What provision will any of them make for the older ma ture student to take part in that process? Terry Adkin. 19 Paragon Place, Norwich, NR2 4BL.

Good old Albion

SIT possible that what the Prime Minister calls "legal non co-operation" has the same meaning as Arthur Scar gill's "working to rule?" Robert A Parker. Woodhouse Lane, Heversham Cumbria LA77EW.

IT WAS the same kind of mis laced national pomposity that led to the famous headline of some years ago: "Storms in Channel isolate Continent." Walton Road **Warrington WA4**

ARTIN Kettle (Frogs and krauts fill heads with hate, May 23) is quite right to evoke August 1914 over eptember 1939 as the histori cal jumping-off point for the Tories' beef and bellicosity hambles. However, I wonde how Eurosceptic dignity will respond to history's judgmen on their masterstroke. I fear that while the loom of war in 1914 became enshrined as the "The Guns of August", 1996 posturing will be filed under
"Nuts in May".
Gavin Greenwood.
30 Ditchling Road, Brighton, Sussex BN1 48G.

WHAT a glorious first tri-umph the "war cabinet" has scored in the dispute with Europe. It has blocked a measure to facilitate cross-borde co-operation in case of disasers. And they know more about disasters than most the handling of BSE, for exam

pic. Peter Shield. 20 Willerby Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4PB.

engineering issues (Wars of the genes, May 23). But the subect should not be confused with the important issue of patents. Scientists cannot patent life, as David King seems to suggest. A patent is an instru-ment which grants a right to prevent others making, using or selling somebody else's invention; it involves no concept of "ownership". Indeed, in reg-istering a patent, companies must publicly declare full details — and so increase public

> Because patents relate to in-ventions, the patent system is not an effective way to enforce any controls society feels are needed to meet concerns over the use of human genes. In

fact, it is highly desirable for patent protection to be sought in the area of research into human genes. Prohibition of patents would have an adverse effect on the number of innovative medicines, severely hampering the introduction of new approaches, such as gene therapy, where there exists the very real possibility of a cure for serious disorders. People suffering from these illnesses, their carers and families must not be denied the opportunity for medical advances to be made. Without patents, there would be no cures. (Dr) Trevor M Jones. Director-general, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry.

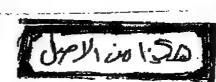
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A Country Diary

NORTH DERBYSHIRE: Every spring the drain in Long Dole needs digging out so the suckler herd can get to water deep enough for supping. There's an ancient stone trough there somewhere but it's long been covered by stones and silt brought down by the spring water. Anyway, I'd dug the place out and watched the water flow clear, then headed off into the valley. What happened next seemed more like an incident from a century and a half ago, perhaps in Hardy's Dorset. The sun had gone down, dusk was rising over the flelds as I went along the track beyond the empty farm and saw ahead two figures standing at a bend, seemingly in earnest discussion. As I came close they took the form of young girls, laden with bags. One stepped forward and enquired if this was "the road to B...." It certainly was not, they were going in the opposite direction, every step taking them further from their intended destination. The trayellers were aiming for a

grandmother's house and they were already very late so I walked along with them for a bit and gave them clear instructions where our ways parted. Heavy clouds had rolled in and rain was threatened; it would soon be dark and I imagined they had another hour of steady walking to reach grandma's. That small incident reminded me just how far most folk have travelled from the natural world in the last 30 years or so. I might walk that winding lane for another 10 years and never meet foot travellers walking to a relative's house. Most girls would have been whisked from home to grandmother's by car in a few min-utes; that pair, though, had rubbed shoulders with the real world, seen the sun go down, smelt slee blossom on the hedge, got lost, turned back and then made progress in the failing light, arriving in B-with tired limbs. They'd sleep well at journey's end and remember that eve-ROGER REDFERN



The scramble is on for the world's worst-behaved parliament - MATTHEW ENGEL drops in on Israel's election

Grave issues behind ballot

HE CEMETERY on the piney slopes of Mount Herzl, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, has a special section for the "Great Leaders of the Nation". There, under a slab far grander than anyone else's, rests Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister who made peace with Yasser Arafat and was murdered by a Jewish fanatic last November This week his grave was cov-ered with carnations and, in

line with custom, pebbles

placed by those who had come to pay their respects. A few yards away lies Golda Meir, another former PM and the personification of the Jew ish grandmother. She has fewer flowers and pebbles. Next to her is her predecessor Levi Eshkol, with fewer still. Nearby are the graves of more obscure figures —

Speakers of the Knesset and so on — some of whom rated not a single pebble. Even they do better than Robert Maxwell. across the city on the Mount of Olives, whose remains, according to rumour, occasionally get piddled on by Mirror pensioners. Only in Israel could politicians find themselves still being voted on. even in death. This is a country where poli-

tics is the national sport and next Wednesday Israel's voters will judge the living exponents of the art in an election that makes the Olympics look one-dimensional. There are 21 parties, four of them representing Israeli Arabs, several of them so anti-Arab they would cheerfully extend Israeli sovereignty over most of North Africa and Asia, with possible extra de-mands for enclaves in Golders Green and Didsbury,

There is even a party called Merciz, which favours peace and civil liberties and less power for rabbinical extremists. It is a Guardian reader's sort of party; in these parts, it is considered madly left-wing and will probably lose more seats than anyone next week.

There is no actual Screaming Lord Goldberg or Rabbi Buck-ethead. In Israel, the loony parties get elected. Under the al-most pure system of PR, people choose one of the national lists and only 1.5 per cent is necessary to get a seat. Until this year it was I per cent.

This time there is also a sep-arate vote for the prime minister, involving only the leaders of the two main parties. Shimon Peres of Labour and Benvamin "Bibi" Netanyahu of Likud, the right-winger who wants to put a brake on the peace process, expand the

West Bank sottlements and do his hest to half the rush towards an independent Pal-estine. Only the winner will be able to form a government. and if he fails, there will have to be another election. This is a slight curb on the power of

the fringe parties.
It means that when they get to the Knesset, they will be able to manoeuvre less and will probably have to shout more — if that is possible. On Monday, the parliament met for its last pre-election meeting; only eight of the 120 mem bers were present and, when I arrived, they were all talking simultaneously.

If there is a worse-behaved parliament in the workl. I have yet to find it; the House of Commons is not in the same eague. At the time, Ehud Barak, the foreign minister, was attempting to discuss war and pence; one of the Likud leaders, Moshe Katzau, shouted him down for a full eight minutes The Speaker was trying to keep order in the manner of Jovce Grenfell controlling a

nursery class. This was considered one of the Knesset's more decoror days because it was not on television Under a bizarre election law, candidates, no natter how grand they are. cannot be seen or heard on the screen for the three weeks be-fore voting, except in the time set aside for their own paid

commercials.
When Barak went to Washington to shake hands with Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, viewers saw the ministerial hand, and his feet — but not his face. If they feel deprived, they have to watch CNN, BBC or Jordan TV. To arrange a debate, the

have to pool their advertising

Since this particular election is overshadowed by Ra-bin's assassination, the main candidates are invisible of TV as well. The major rallies have been cancelled; the robust tradition of heckling has been stifled. Netanyahu mainly appears before carefully-verted groups of supporters: Prime Minister Peres, trying to look as though he is far too busy to ing religion and politics; if they did they would have noth-ing to say to each other. The weather is, after all, fairly pre dictable. And it is fought too on thousands of given way Tshirts, window posters, bumper stickers and streetcorner signs, held up by clear cut students who man the

done virtually nothing except schedule safe newspaper photo-ops — a group of school-

American film star there

Thus there seems to be no argument going on, even in

the bogus, spin-doctored fash ion of a British or American

election. It is happening, but it

is going on among the people themselves. Israelis do not

fect the English about discuss-

have the inhibitions that af-

the rush hours. Virtually all the posters are in the national colours of blue and white: everyone in this election is trying to wrap themselves in the national

busiest road junctions during

Face lift . . . a Shimon Peres

I passed a group of kids out-side the Tel Aviv train station and one led handed me a sticker. "Ah," I said, rhetori-cally, I thought: "So you're for Meretz?" "Not really," he replied. "I like Bibi. But I need money and these bastards are paying me."

Patrick Kelly, Liverpool's new archbishop, is supposed to heal Catholic rifts. So why's he so evasive?

Drafted in to face canon fire



FRUI.R his teenage contempoton Catholic College were busy lathering on Brylcreem and bopping to Elvis, Patrick Kelly was busy going to mass. In fact, he went every morning, up at 6am for the 6.45am service before shuttling the 25 miles to school. The son of a Morecambe dentist, he went

After school, while his contempories were smoking Player's or kicking footballs, he would put his hands together at the local prayer group or visit the sick. What, I wonder, was he like as a boy? "I don't know," he says. "My memory's not very good. I can't remember."

route to a cure

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Well, what made him go to Mass every day? "I don't know." Did his family encourage him? "We went every courage nim? "We went every Sunday as a family, but this, well, my going to Mass every day was a bit different." We are sitting in the Pope's Room at Archbishop's House, admining Westminster Ca-

adjoining Westminster Cathedral, though no one can ac-tually remember if the Pope stayed in this room or not. Never mind, it was decorated for his last visit in a smart but restful combination of lemon and cloudy blue. There is a desk, three comfy chairs and downstairs, there has just been a meeting of top-notch Catholic bishops, so we are drinking tea off the very best

china. The new Archbishop of Liverpool (he will be translated erpool (ne will be translated on June 29) seems rather ex-cited by this. "Oouf, the best china, I don't usually get this!" he giggles, fingering the top button of his black, woolly cardisan

cardigan. Small and apparently genial, he is by most accounts, a popular choice to heal the supposed row within the church between the traditionalists and progressives, recently stirred so effectively by the novelist Alice Thomas

He is even supposed to be media-friendly. Hurrah. Aged 57, he has a dog called Ben and admits to the occasional eccentricity. On his stairwell he keeps in a polished glass case the skull of the Manchester-born saint, Ambrose

Barlow. Has he always believed in God? "Yes. Yes I have." Has he ever had periods of doubt? "Not really. Let me put it another way. I think I can hon-estly say I've never run away from a question. I'm the sort of person who, with a queswith a bone. I stay with it. I cannot rest until, well I can honestly say I've not run away from any questions."

This would be a perfectly

puts people, especially young people, off Catholicism? He glances out of the win-dow: "That's not an issue

I confess I am surprised. It seems to be an important ob-

Does he mean it's come up in other terms? "No, I don't think it has. No, no. No one's raised it." He pauses and then says, unconvincingly:
"Maybe I'm not listening."

Well, let me raise it now. while I know he's listening. Does he think it puts people off the Catholic church?

He pauses: "I think it's very important to ask people to go and read the whole letter of [Pope] Paul VI and find exact. ly what he said," (The encyclical letter, published in 1968 stated that all forms of artifical contraception were

wrong.)
I suggest this is an unlikely solution, especially when they see the current Pope wan-dering around the third world and claiming contraception is a sin. He nods again. "Mm, mm. The teaching of the let-ter, which is what the Pope also pro-

claims, is that you hold together two meanings in sexuality; unity, love and the aspect which leads to new life. It's often presumed to be a nega-tive teaching. I think, again, I mean what I'm saying is, there's no short cut."

But here he is, the next Archbishop of Liverpool, a city drenched in Catholicism and yet bang at the bottom of the Mass attendance league. Surely he must have a view on what's gone wrong, on whether or not young people

inremarkable answer, but for

one thing. For the next hour, I get the impression that Kelly runs from almost every ques-tion I ask. Not just runs, but His evasions are made all the odder, by the fact that he node and murmurs sympathetically throughout our conversation - as if examining each question thoroughly and answering it equally thoroughly. Take, for example, the following question about contraception. Does he think the Pope's stand on contraception

that's been raised with me. jection to Catholicism.

"Sure, sure," he murmurs in his gentle Lancashire accent. "But no one's raised it." What no one? Never, during his nine years at the English College in Rome, (where he studied in Latin); never, during his 18 years lecturing at Oscott college seminary, Bir-mingham; never, during the following 12 years as Bishop of Salford? He shakes his

head. I confess I'm staggered.
"Mm, I know, yes, yes."
Never?"No, no. Not in those

are put off his faith by its teachines on contraception. "They have never said that to But what does he think? If

he doesn't think it's the case. why doesn't he just say so? "It may be. I don't think there is one overriding cause."
We get no further on the question of married priests.

Again, it's not a thing which has been sharply brought as a problem." he insists. Then he adds, again unconvincingly: "It could be that I'm not a good listener, that may be it." This is a bizarre suggestion, he listens like a mynah bird, head poised for any nuance.

'I think I can honestly say I've never run away from a question. I'm the sort of person who, with a question, well I'm like a terrier with a bone."

> He puts his hands quietly in his lap. "Well nobody has said: 'Our parish priest would be better if he were married'."

But what about the priests themselves? According to one report in the Times last January, 50 former Roman Catholic priests are now serving in the Anglican Church because they wish to get married. Isn't it unrealistic to expect young men to make such a commit-

ment to the church? "It's a decision you start and then renew," explains the Bishop.

You grow into it, like people worse. You discover the better days and the worse days of being a priest, the cold days and the warm days." Is this something he has wrestled with? "Not directly. I've listened to others wrestling with

Patrick Kelly . . . 'It could be that I'm not a good listener'

it but I haven't.' Does he or did he miss having his own family? "No, not really, I didn't. I was very conscious of the many people I was helping, hopefully, in so many different ways, in the parish and the college."

Has be ever felt lonely? "I've felt alone, there were times, when even if I'd had a family there were questions I would have had to carry my-self. I think again, as I listen, [no hint that he's a poor lis-tener now] that is the experience of many people's lives. It's one of the tasks we have, how to help other people with those questions which they have to come through on

As he talks, I am suddenly aware of a painting behind him, in which someone is swinging John the Baptist's head by his hair. As I turn back, an ivory crucifly promptly looms behind Kelly's right shoulder. He smiles, his manner apparently cosy and cheerful. But just occa-sionally one glimpses some-

thing harder, something alto-

gether less sympathetic. "If

and attending to every detail in them. then we'll start talk-ing'. "I murmur that perhaps there's another, less academic way to arouse people's interest? He repeats something he has said earlier and which, after nine years of studying, he clearly believes: "There are no short cuts."

'Start by reading the Gospels

PHOTOGRAPH) TOM JEHKIME

What, I ask, did he enjoy about his 18 years teaching? "Um, I don't know. But I did, and I do, mm mm." Does he remember any outstanding pupils? "Nobody standing out, but lots of fine people, mm. mm."

Well, what about his first memory as a priest? "Good memories, mm, mm. Oh thanks for jogging my mem-ory. The very first house I visited, I went to see an old lady, this was what I'd been preparing for . . . She just looked at me and said: 'Oh well, I suppose a lot of good can come in small parcels'.' squeals with laughter.
"That's memory number one.
Oh, Mrs Rudden." he says at
the thought of her, laughing

so much he almost has to wipe his eyes. So how will bring his Liverpudlian flock back into church? "There's no magic cure. I come back to what's

always been true. The only

way is the powerful witness of

good Christians. Nothing else has ever worked." But if there are fewer and fewer of them around? 'I know. It's a vicious circle, it

Putting manners on the moralists

So women must become 'ladies' again. Never, says SUZANNE MOORE

OUTS it seems come in all persuasions. There live among us those who have their noses pierced, their flesh tattooed. There are female novelists who embrace "yobbishness", there are young men who dress in (avert your eyes) casual clothes. We have been warned this week that the meltdown of society has it root cause in the professionalisation of cricket. Greater equality between the sexes is also to blame. A judge for the Betty Trask award was dismayed to read books written by women that were "astonishingly sleazy, foul-mouthed and

violent". Another indication of all that is wrong with the world, according to a report called Gentility Recalled, is to do with the wearing of "denim tronsers". Denim trousers? The authors of this peculiar work cannot be accosed of wanting to turn the clock back, they simply haven't realised the clock has been ticking at all. They want to reinstate the term more formally, they want old people to act their age, they want us to be more . respectful of doctors. In other words they would like us to know our place in society and stay there.

This has little to do with any definition of manners that I could live with. But that's hardly a surprise as I was dragged up in a land far from Debretts. Either that or I have been infiltrated by that horrible virus known as "the sixties". Actually I do think manners are important, but modern manners surely need to be based on a set of social codes that make people feel included not excluded. The kinds of behaviour dignified by this report have no relevance to my life, not — I like to think because I am incredibly rude, but because I live in the 1990s rather than the

I am also too busy to do my job properly, as a "lady" is there apparently to help in

the civilising of those borrid beasts — men. I don't see it as my vocation to be a civilising influence on anyone Graham Lord, critical of the entries in the Betty Trask award, observed: "Once it was women who softened and civilized their men and children." Now we have abandoned our femininity and started writing books full of dildoes, loveless sex and four-letter words.

If my memory serves me properly, only two weeks ago the problem with women's writing, according to opponents of the Oranga to opponents of the Orange Prize, was that it was too domestic and insular. This week the problem is that it's full of filth. The trick is would appear would be to write an Aga Saga full of bestiality and stouking po-litical intrigue. But that is too much for us girlies who too much for us girlies who will write about our filthy habits such as having peri ods and all that yucky unla-dylike stuff. This subject matter coming from a woman is somehow ill-mannered. Fiction may be about truth called ladylike behaviour is about lies, a fiction for the benefit of men.

Actually what I find incredibly bad-mannered is the continuing exclusion of women from all sorts of public spaces and debates. What pray has the professional-isation of cricket to with me? I cannot, by virtue of my sex, even enter the hallowed temple of the MCC enclosure

at Lords. The kind of manners proposed by the authors of this fossilised tome are about social control. The loosening up of society, the entry of women into formerly male preserves causes them acute anxiety. And so it should. Once men opened doors for ladies while shutting many other doors in their faces. Nowadays women can open the doors for themselves. This is not loutish behaviour. This is progress and a perfect gen-tleman ought to know the difference.





The not so great Gambo

Radio

Anne Karpf

O GAMBO is going. And, much as with Gerry Anderson before him, the Middle Englanders are crowing over another victory, while others are now saying that he wasn't quite so awful after all.

On the surface, it looks as if both Gambaccini and Anderson were victims of British vocal racism, which rises up against anything but received ronunciation, and still wants all broadcasters to sound like Richards Dimbleby or Baker. And victims of those British conservatives who treat Radio 3 as if it were a listed building.

My own hostility to
Morning Collection goes far
deeper. Gambaccini embodies
the Classic FM approach to
classical music, which seeks
to divest it of its stuffy image and intimidating aura. Hooray to that, most would say. But it's the methods that beg the questions. The music is given a marketing make-over: it becomes a product, branded and packaged like a jar of cof-

Ours is a culture in which presentation is all, or thought to be all. So Gambaccini's bland slickness is meant to emolliate the anxious potential listeners, of classical music, to persuade them that it can go down a treat. Yet his techniques consistently

undermine the music. On Thursday, he was at his most patronising, Having Introduced a Brahms Piano Quar-tet with a short spiel about the composer having played in a brothel, he said: "Now you've pictured young Brahms, and now you're beginning to understand the genesis of today's music."

Worst of all. Gambaccini has fallen prey to the Blo-graphical Fallacy — the no-tion that you can read off a composer's life from his or he work (Ken Russell-style), and that a decent knowledge of their relationships deepens your understanding of their symphonies. It seems as if we're meant to imagine ourselves as the composer or per former, to insert ourself into his or her life in some bizarre feat of psychological virtual reality, and that only through this act of identification will we really feel the music. Thus on Wednesday Gambaccini, introducing another Brahms Piano Quartet, suggested that "If you 've ever had a friend who was supremely talented but extremely insecure, you've been in the position of Hungarian violinist-composer Josef Joachim." The irony is that Brahms Plano Quartets are among the most accessible part of the repertoire and

tion. Schoenberg. perhaps; Brahms, no. But can Radio 3 modernise itself without recourse to such crude methods, or without the constant time-checks, station idents and what the tradition alists decry as "chat"? One programme Nicholas Kenyon introduced to the schedules two years ago sounds quite different from the old-style Radio 3 and yet has received nothing but praise. The Music Machine, the daily short strand for young people, has tal music to Courtney Pine and is contemporary without straining to be so. It also almost always illuminates.

don't need this kind of media-

As for Gambaccini himself he's reasonable enough (if a little too kind) on Radio 4's Kaleidoscope, where he's dealing with a popular medium (film, of which he has abundant knowledge) and one he therefore doesn't nee to strive to popularise. On Wednesday he conducted a zipping interview with a hi-larious Miss Piggy, unfazed by her stream of witticisms. pect that Radio 2 will prove his natural home.



Why have the people of Brighton turned their houses into public galleries, and is the work displayed inside any good? FIACHRA GIBBONS reports

Home is where the art is

RT SCHOOLS never tire of telling their young daubers to throw their studios open to the public, to court criti-cism, to provoke reaction. No one ever thinks of the poor punters. No one ever imagines that one day an ordinary person might be pushed so far as to say what they really think. But this is what happened in Brighton last Saturday and in the artist's own front room as well. The critic was one of her elderly neighbours.

area's gentrification. 'No dis-respect, love, but how do you expect someone to get wallpaper to go with that? You don't do dog pictures, do you? ... Take my advice, Jove, if you want to make a go of this ark, do some nice dogs, or rabbits for them that likes wilder stuff." Everything went silent except for Enya chanting something meaningless — and

an irksome survivor of the

background. The old dear was right. She just didn't know the jargon, how to say "Wow! It's so dif-ferent" with a straight face. But she knew something

not even Gaelic — in the

didn't work. Outside, cherry blossom bilowed in the breeze, a Jack Russell sniffed at an unfeasihly large Lahrador and a queue of the curious built up on the garden path. Every May an odd ritual is enacted in the better parts of Brighton. It is called the Open Houses where everyone from Sunday watercolourists to darlings of the avant garde turn their sit ting rooms into galleries for the four weekends of the

There is nothing quite like it anywhere else — nearly 80 homes and 40 studios flung open, with everything from busts to painted toilet seats for sale. A thousand people or more can trudge through a house in a day. Some even go to look at the art, though for most it's an excuse for a snoot "Artists always have such interesting houses," a woman

in Rugby Road told me, trying to peer beyond the rope across the stairs (a nice stately home touch that). "This place is better than any gift shop." Still, she was disappointed. It wasn't quite Charleston. You couldn't see the Bloomsbury brigade creating in front of a coal-effect gas fire.

Often the punters are more interesting than the art. Brighton bohemians have a wagger, an easy outrageous ness because there are so many of them. They all look like they've just run away from the circus, or the circus





n. Above, Deja Voe, by is Clarke who is one of the most popular if least out dge artists of the Brigh



A thousand people can trudge through a house in a day. Some even go to look at the art, though most go to snoop

Some have even sold. Brigh-

has run away from them. In Hanover I saw a woman growl and grab a bronze by its buthat looked as if it was made from the molars of her former lovers. Down the road, two

guys got holistic: "I can tell by your aura that you're an artist too."
"How did you guess? Yes. I am thinking about becoming one — this is so inspirational At the moment Γm a dancer. don't know what to do. I've been told I have a great symp thy for crystals therapy as

well." All very Brighton. What's amazing is not how nuch bad stuff there is, but how much good. Then again, nearly two per cent of the town's population describe themselves as visual artists.

ton is St Ives without the the sand and the silly old codgers just retired from Surrey pretending to be primitives.

Ned Hoskins is convinced something special is happening here. He started Open Houses in 1980 with a few friends in the Fiveways dis-trict, mixing big-name local artists like Harvey Daniels, Philip Dunn and Andrei Jack owski with their next-door eighbours. He's an ex-Califorman with an ex-wife, rainbow flip-flops and ponytall to his backside. His bathroom is stocked with enough toilet roll to stem a regiment with the runs. "Look! There's hardly

room to stand. We're putting

People come and see work in a

the galleries out of business

not intimidated. Young artists mix with people they would not normally get a look in with." Downstairs a young Flemish ceramicist, Wim See loe, meets his public. He's quivering with nerves, but the feedback's good. It's all rather touching.
Fred Pipes, five foot noth-

ng, Hawaiian shirt, Panama hat, fried egg and bacon wallpaper, specialises in painting ghostly apparitions of Elvis i famous public buildings. He couldn't be bothered turning his house upside down again. So this year he's exhibiting in his car, a two-tone Ford Clas-sic — a sort of stretch Anglia - "the forgotten car of the six ties", as he calls it. A papier maché couple made up of old

new artist-run Fabrica galler opened in an old church last month, they had no place locally to show work that had already been seen all over the world. After two days of tramping from house to house I finally found heaven in Hanover. It streets from which Stomp!

Pete McCarthy, and the English elements of Archaos, sprang. You need a sherpa to get up Southover Street to the Up The Hill Gallery just across from the Islingwood chippy, but it's worth it. The rest of the year it's Terry Howe's two-bedroomed terrace. Terry has sprayed every inch of his back room with darjeeling tea. You but on surgical shoes and step into the dark. Slowly you become aware of clocks, dolls, a pram and odd fungal growths on the wall. Every time you move, the tea releases more of its aroma. It is strangely calming. You don't want to leave this tomb of memory And then it hit me. That's the good thing about death –

Guardians snog on the back seat. "I don't know how people

put up with it. You're a pris-

oner in your own home for a month while everyone noses

thankless. The visual arts get

so little help. The council and

the festival are next to use-

So bad in fact that they didn't get the Open Houses guide on to the streets until two weeks into the festival.

They also managed to lose an exhibition of John Lennon

sketches by giving it only a

Great as they are, the Open Houses flatter to deceive. The

real richness of the Brighton

scene is to be found among its

cutting edge cooperatives led by Red Herring, Tin Star, Phoenix and Maze, who have between them attracted some

of the best young artists in the country to Brighton. Red Her-

ing, housed in an old Wine

Gum factory in Hove, pio-

neared the way in the early

nineties, producing such tal-

ents as John Mills (the sculp-

tor who's work graced the last two Batman movies), Bruce

Williams (of the huge Tony

Hancock sculptures), Shirley Chubb, Matthew Miller and

this pool that a Brighton

Jane Fordham. It is also from

School is likely to emerge. But

that's another story. Until the

never having to go to another private view.

The Open Houses exhibition runs on Saturday and Sunday rom 12 to 6pm. The show at the Fabrica, Duke Street, continue until June 16.

dian of the Bronte Birthplace.

touches to the two extremely attractive stone cottages, on the market for a combined total of just over £100,000. She

and husband Malcolm, a pro-

savings and more into the abortive attempt to establish

the Thornton house as a res-

fessional joiner, sank all their

She is putting finishing

Is it soap or surrealism?

Television

Nancy Banks-Smith

HAT makes Coronation Street (Granada) so savoury is the writing. It is better than necessary. It is, ooh-ah, just a lit-tle bit more.

Fred, Don and Jack are leaning on the bar of the Rovers. Fred is a butcher, who looks like a pig reflected in a spoon. Don is a one-legged taxi driver. If Jack had a cow, he would swop it for a handful of beans. Recently, while under the influence, they bought a racehorse. Horses, you may have no-ticed, don't buy people. Horses have got more sense

Alec said to Rita "Look at them three over there! To think that Walt Disney died perore drawing any of them. The image catches your fancy immediately like flypaper. This week Fred was be-

moaning the feebleness of modern youth in general and his errand boy, Ashley, in particular. (Ashley is the one who would have joined the army, but he hasn't got the qualifica-tions.) "Gastroenteritis!" said Fred. "They don't know what gastroenteritis is these days. They only have to sneeze and they're looking in their armpits for boils."

This, in case you weren't around at the time, is a reference to the black death, which announced itself with a sneeza. "Atishoo! All fall down!" The assumption that you will catch all this on the wing is characteristic of the writing.

Roy Newton of Nottingham, who treasures such quotes in

an old biscuit box, has reminded me of this unre-garded richness. His personal favourite was Hilda Ogden, when someone at the Rovers was caught stealing, "Oooh, they ought to burn his

If it weren't a soap, it would e surrealism.

Eddie Braben's scripts for Morecambe and Wise had the same unexpected spin. As Glends Jackson once said, before she grew so serious, "My heart is beating like a whippe in a bowler hat!" Something splinters your wicket. Either the whippet did it or the bowler hat

The writers of Coronation Street, who tend to be of long standing, do not work from background biographies. A new personality emerges, partly from the writer observ ing the actor. This is obviously the case with Fred (John Savident), who has expanded like a black pudding to fill the space available.

There is more space available now Steve and Vicky are on their way. At the Rovers, the doors swing in and the doors swing out and some pass in and others pass out. Vicky, the right little madam has endured a dark night of the soul — well, two dark nights, Monday and Wednes-day — wondering whether to testify against Steve. She did

and he got two years.

It could be worse. The less fortunate are run over by a Blackpool tram or, worse, sent to live in Lowestoft.

frankly, my dear, who cares? The question really agitating the nation is will Fred get his feet under the oak at Rita's. Or, as a lesser script writer would put it, the table.
Murder Most Borrid (BBC2), no great favourite of mine, turned up trumps with the story of Daisy (Dawn French), a soft-hearted abbaoir worker, who is mistaken for an executioner in South America. For reasons too curly to disentangle, she exe-cutes the entire government by mistake. Live on TV. This. es you might anticipate, is a

roaring ratings success. As Daisy says "There hasn't been anything worth watching on telly recently." Gardeners' World (BBC2) completed its tour to Holland. I went myself last week to see the tulip fields. It was like the battle of Waterloo. The tulips stand to attention in re-gimented rows until — don't look — they are all beheaded and their heads heaped in scarlet and gold pyramids at the edge of the field.

As I once heard Marlene Districh sing to Montgomery of Alamein "Where have all

Reviews

Glasgow Barrowlands

NDEED, it looked a little bare up there. The presence of the Manic Street Preachers on a touring stage again is in-evitably marked by the absence of their catherine-whee guitarist and eyeliner muse, Richey James — missing and (increasingly) presumed no more. There were no obvious dedications, other than a buttress-light beaming down on a vacant spot. The grim passion of this performance seemed

dedication enough.
While the Manics' have been grappling with their own personal history of disappearance and death, pop history has moved on. Yet as Britpop's eruptions cool down into a new landscape — all those agged mouldings of lad and camp, punk, boho and prole-the Manic Street Preachers can be seen to have antici-

pated most developments This gig, in terms of their own trangressive history, was buttoned-down, garage-floor dfair — กิด men in dresses. no clashings or rantings or tauntings, a standard strobe-lit rock spectacle. Yet the strength and depth of the Manics' mate rial pushed you back against

the wall, breathless. Huge and yearning tunes, thrown high cal vocabulary that unita Willem De Kooning and culture baubles and nec-prol inger, and a fundamentalist skili in making guitar-bassdrums actually work which most of their peers could readily learn from.

And as the material from the new album Everything Must Go showed, the genera tion terrorists have become their generation's classicists. James Dean Heartfield's voice -although still feeling its way through the higher regis ters — projected new songs like Elvis Impersonator and Everything Must Go as if he were Phil Spector's chosen son, back to redeem indie-pop from its melodic poverty. Breathless thrashes through brutal stuff like Motown Junk seemed more like band therapy than crowd entertainment; but the anthemic hit single A Design For Life — the Manics' Scargillite response to Blur's Boys and Girls sounded like a whole new direction. It's difficult not to hear the Manic Street Preachers' current heroic richness through the filter of their recent travails. But for whatever reason this gig was a triumph.

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OPERA Cosi fan tutte

Glyndebourne

REVOR NUNN'S virtuoso production of Cosi fan utte, elegantly set on a Neapolitan cruise ship circa 1900, was the star turn of Glynde-bourne's Mozart bicentenary eason in 1991. With Simon Rattle in the pit and a firstclass team of principals leaded by Amanda Roocroft the wit and energy of that

year were always going to be difficult to match in revivals. And so it proves now, as the production makes its first appearance in the new Glynde bourne theatre in a revival by Michael McCarthy. The nau-tical staging is still a very clever conceit, allowing some excellent jokes, but the stage business, especially the com-plex Tissot-inspired network of silent shipboard extras, has lost some of its snap. Never-theless Maria Bjornson's cutaway designs continue to work a treat and newcomers

will find much delight in this alghly ingenious production.
The verdict on the musical side must also be conditional. Franz Welser-Möst conducts a rather stop-and-start account, exemplified by his handling

of the act one finale. As so often with this conductor the effect is difficult to sum up; there are many things to ad-mire but at times Welser-Möst takes a bludgeon to this quicksilver score. The overall interpretation is irritatingly

mengaged and inconsistent The soloists are all experi enced and distinguished Mozartians. Pride of place goes to Simon Keenlyside's most beautifully sung Gug-lielmo. John Mark Ainsley is more effortful as his friend and rival Ferrando, though he communicates real anguish as the implications of the officers-mess wager begin to dawn. Jake Gardner (Gug-lielmo in 1991) returns as a young Don Alfonso, well enough sung but too laid-back for such a saturnine role. Solveig Kringelborn comes to Glyndhey

to Glyndebourne with a glowing reputation, but seemed not entirely at ease, perhaps with the forceful overshadowing Dorabella of Susan Graham. Graham is a lustrous vocal talent, but Welser-Möst allowed has to sing the seemed. allowed her to sing too loudly at times. The redoubtable Lil-lian Watson repeats her perky but occasionally strained Despina. There was a general feeling (unusual for Glyndebourne) that things need time to settle.

Mortin Kettle

For sale: the Bronte birthplace. JAKE LYNCH reports

Wuthering slights

N A few dozen square miles of West Yorkshire, the name of Bronte is attached to everything from cuddly toys to curries — Haworth, the town where the family settled, even boasts a Broute Balti House. And yet the sisters' birthplace of Thornton, a small rundown village near Bradford, seems to be keeping its credentials to itself. In among the boarded-up shops is the one place with a perfect right to proclaim its literary associations. But nowadays the house where Char-lotte. Emily and Anne were

residence. And it is up for sale. To gauge the unfulfilled potential, reach for a technique from the novels themselves. the instructive comparison. A

couple of hundred miles away in genteel Hampshire, the home of another writer-heroine, Jane Austen, is twice as busy with visitors since a flurry of sumptuous screen adaptions. It all fits with the current fad for marketing Brit ain as one gigantic film set.

movie version of Jane Eyre has recently opened in the US, with William Hurt as Rochester and Charlotte Gainsbourg as Jane. It's expected here in the autumn. Could it set our jodhpurs straining for Broneana just as Emma Thompson and the BBC have awakened us

to Dashwoods and Darcys? Already, the Bronte Parsonage Museum at Haworth is second only to Stratford in the league table of literary honeyoots. After all, these were thre virgins, clergyman's daughters in early Victorian Eng-land, who wrote about the pas sions driving men and women with an intensity that shocked polite opinion. It prompts us to scour their background for evidence to support the idea that great literature must spring from intense personal

What sensitive reader, visiting the Thornton house, could look at the original fireplaces without seeing the elemental agination of two-year-old Emily being formed as she sat and watched the dancing flames within? Did the enormous mahogany wardrobe in the nursery suggest the up-



Yours for £100.000

stairs rooms of Jane Eyre to four year-old Charlotte? The feeling in Thornton that "summat should be done" to beautify and beatify the site is longstanding. A hundred years ago, one local worthy, William Scruton, wrote that without such a conversion any attempt to honour their genius would full short of the Bronte sisters'

burse takings from the National Lottery, Taking Scruton's lead, activists from the

dan lays down her upholstery work and reminisces on her

Enter the National Heritage eventful few years as custo-

Bronte Birthplace Trust are applying for money to buy the house --- now converted back nto two cottages - and turn it into a visitor centre. But Trust project co-ordinafor Pat Calver is keenly aware that time may be running out. "The Church altered the origi-nal buildings in 1802 to make i

Memorial Fund, set up to dis-

into a parsonage, but later sold it to a local firm of butchers. Since then it's been used as a gift shop, then most recently a taurant. But since that failed it's just been turned into two cottages. If one of them was bought separately it would break up the site, and that would be a tragedy," she sighs. As Memorial Fund plenipotentiaries decide whether the dismissed by Mrs Jordan as project is worthy of our national largesse, one significant snag remains. Muriel Jor

taurant. Although she wishes the trust well, she is in no posi-tion to drop the asking price to keep her chief remaining asset open to the public. Unfortunately, the conser-vationists are bound by complicated lottery rules, which stipulate that the Brontes' birthplace must be indepen-dently valued — as if it were Tom, Dick and Harry who were born there, not Charlotte Anne and Emily, Their offer is

So the impasse remains. Without a dramatic intervention, this Bronte story may be neading for an uncharacter istic anti-climax.

Doomed to live with the Marx brothers

INCE the annus George Konrad, Hungary's sharp-est living writer, has watched Central Europe's fortunes rise and fall like the level of the Danube. "We all seem to be expecting something, an explanation of where we belong," he remarked emblemat ically in one of several essays which are now available in

soft covers. It was a statement of fact with a hint of accusation, though it was not clear whether Kourad's meni charg of indecisiveness was levelled at his fellow Central Europe-ans, "small nations with restless collective egos and make-abift provisional identities", or

at the outside world. In the three years since those comments, the region has makes the locus of blame plain enough, Central Europe is to remain a periphery. It is doomed to hang about in a permanent mie-room, while envoys from Nato and the European Union flit through the area but no one ever names the date for joining either club. In Budapest, Prague, and Warsaw a palpable mood of resentment is growing as the political elite wonders how much more it needs to do to prove its

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In the first flush of post-communist independence Konrad might have mimicked Czechoalovakia's dissident play-wright, Vaclav Havel, and become his country's president. His time under arrest, his renown as a democrat, and the reputation of seminal books like his early 1980s text *Anti-Politics*, were of a similar order. Many Hungarians hoped he would go for it. But with a young wife and small children, and strong rejuctance to com-

promise his personal freedom, he declined. Despite his abnegation, he enjoys a few unofficial quasi-presidential perks. As we strolled to a restaurant from his villa in one of the leafier parts of Buda, we approached a busy main road. Although there was no zebra crossing in sight, a car came to a respectful halt and the driver waved Konrad on. He beamed at seeing how im-

pressed I was. "It happens quite often," he confessed. Unlike Havel, Konrad is a joker and something of a maverick. He is proud of the way Parliament reacted when he came out against arresting people for possessing canna-bis. From the Christian Democrais to the former commu-nists, every party denounced his view that it was a private matter which did no harm to others. "Tm a creator of unity."

There's never been such una-nimity," he chartles. Central Europe's identity has always been a measure of the region's relationship with the outside world rather than a reflection of an intrinsic some reflection of an intrinsic sameness. During the cold war the West tended to see it as a place of drab uniformity under the of drab uniformity under the jackboot of Stalinism. In fact, each country managed to preserve a remarkable amount of individuality. Each reacted to communist rule in its own way. Each tried to throw it off different and accommunity when community and accommunity. ently and now, when commu-nism has gone, each one is experiencing a different transition.

Take Central Europe's three abortive anti-communist stands, separated by a

uprising in Hungary in Octo-ber 1956, reform-by-stealth led by intellectuals and party insiders in Czechoslovakio in 1968, a slow-burning workers revolt in Poland in 1990.

None was more viciously suppressed than in Hungary A week of street-fighting in Budapest in 1956 left more than 25,000 dead, most killed in hand-to-hand combat with Russian tanks or executed afterwards. Until the horrors of Bosnia, it was Europe's big-

gest war since 1945.
The post-war repression was coldly victous. Konrad remembers walking through one working-class street in Buds pest three years after the upris ing. Alerted by sobbing, be found a group of women who had just been told to come to the central prison to collect their in 1956 they had been among petrol bombe at Soviet tanks. But — this was the real ghastil ness — the police did not detain them at the time. Minors cannot be executed so the authoriies waited until they reached the right age. In the spring of 1959, the police came back and went searching from house to house. Seventy young people were arrested, of whom 19 were

hanged. For decades the hurial place of the thousands secretly dumped in unmarked pits was known only to a few officials. was nothing but a maze of bushes and shrubs at the farthest end of Budapest's Kozma Street cemetery, a good halfmile beyond the neat family tombs and clipped grass bor-ders in the "working" part of the cemetery. Hare and pheas-ants roamed at peace, disturbed only by an occasional gravedigger come to dispose of a con-vict executed at the nearby

The great change of 1989 threatened to disturb Lot 301 for ever. The declining com-munist regime hoped to win favour by permitting the cere-monial re-burial of imre Nagy, the leader of the uprising. The thicket was cleared, a rough white Rubik-cube of a monument erected, and hundred of headstones laid out in rows. Beside each of them stands a tall, wooden post like a totem-pole, a throw-back to Hunga-ry's pagan past. Yet, even though Lot 301 has become a national memorial-site, its quiet dignity remains unspoilt for most of the day. There are no signs at the front of the cemetery to encourage visi-tors to make the half-hour trek to the martyrs' graves.

Even the approach of the 40th anniversary has rekindled little interest. The government of re-named former communists is headed by Gyula Horn, who as a member of the militia was on the wrong side in 1856. He has no wish to look back. Konrad, then a fledgling journalist, swapped typewriter for machine-gun to guard the univer-sity against the Russians. Now he says "I doubt whether I will even go to the ceme-

tery". Because the repression was so harsh, the regime later over-compensated. James Kadar, the leader the Russians installed, introduced a soft economy with high relative consumption and generous welfare benefits — very different from the way the Czech authorities behaved after 1968. Though almost no-one died in the Soviet invasion, round dozen years. They took widely different forms; armed the subsequent purge of the Communist party, the univer-

sities, and every other state institution was so severe that a generation of intellectuals and the best-educated remained alienated for two decades.

It is no accident that the Czech electorate is bucking the Central European trend and not letting the communists back to power, and that the Communist party remains small and unreformed. In Poland the bitterness of marial law is also taking years to fade. Voters have brought back the former communists for largely economic reasons but their old political oppo-nents from the Solidarity trade union movement still re-fuse any alliance with them.

Hungary is the exception. In the early 1980s, Konrad was already predicting it would go the way of countries in south-ern Europe like Spain, Portu-gal and Greece, where "a middle-class intelligentsia on the road to embourgeoisement swallowed up the political bureaucracy of dictatorship". "The old recipe," he wrote, "called for the overthrow of the machinery of power by means of a mass movement. The new recipe calls for a transformation of the political structure by means of a slowly ripening social transformation."

And so it was. The regime gradually changed. Commu-nists turned into economic neo-liberals and political plu-ralists and Konrad's friends in the Association of Free Democrats joined them in government as junior partners. The 1956 events have been left. to the hardline rightwing op-position, the Smallholders' Party. If they hold a commemoration at Lot 301, it will be another reason why Konrad

does not expect to go.

In the early months after
the Soviet collapse it was
Czechoslovakia's Vacláv Havel who led the way towards re-defining Central Europe's futura. He suggested

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recalls how one could buy a return train ticket for Vienna or Frankfurt with Hungarian forms long before one could for Prague. The Czechs de-manded the raturn section be paid for in Czech crowns or western currency.

On the one hand he played hard to get with Brussels by

readier his economy was by

cal scientist in Budapest,

Guardian's East European correspondent during the 1970s. He covered the fall of comm as Mescow bureau chief from 1988 to 1994; Author of several books on Russin and Eastern Europe, he now works in London for the Guardian and the Observer as a reporter and commentator

neutrality as a step towards a As hopes faded for early entry into the European Union, "joining Europe" shifted to military security. The countries thought they would get into Nato quickly. old military blocs redundant. since this required less adjust ment. Central Europe became cultural duality, on the hope

The road West was avail-

able in more than one form.

"Decisive westernisation" meant the earliest possible

shift towards Nato on the

grounds that Russia was dan

gerous, unstable, and unable

to build a democratic, non-im-

"Reluctant westernisation" meant joining Nato while try-ing to provide a bridge be-

tween Russia and the West, so

as to help Russia become a westernised state and come

closer to the Euro-Atlantic

community.
The first Solidarity govern-

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nated by the East."

of being accepted into the West and the fear of being domi-

with other western leaders. Now it has been ruled out. When the government-funded Creck Institute of Inprey to what Laszlo Valki, the director of the Hungarian Forternational Relations listed eign Affairs Society, writing in the latest issue of the Hungarian Quarterly calls "a the neutrality option among a range of theoretical choices (and rejected it) last year, the Foreign Ministry refused to accept the paper for fear the rather odd psychosis" "From Warsaw to Budapest every po-litical action is judged by government would be accused whether it furthers or hinders accession to Nato," of taking it seriously. he writes.

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François Mitterrand but not

The reasons pre-date these countries' experience of HE NEXT idea was regional integra-tion. At Visegrad Soviet domination. Stuck in castle above the Zwischen-Europa, "In-be-Danube, the presi-dents of Camboslotween Europe", the region's small nations struggled for two centuries to achieve state vakia, Poland, and Hungary signed a treaty of co-operation hood as wars by Turks, Austriin October 1991. Its spirit was ans, Russians, and Prussians thundered over or around soon sabotaged as the three governments (four, when Slo-vakia split off) began to comthem. The political élites want to end that unpredictability by joining the "security-commu-nity" which Western Europe pete with each other to get the best possible deal from Western Europe. The fiercely free-market Czech prime minister, has enjoyed for a half-century and which makes a new war Vaciáv Klaus, also feared that "Central Europe" could bebetween its members unthinkable. come a metaphor for a "third way" between capitalism and socialism.

But Professor Valki argues that Nato's insistence on retaining the option to deploy Klaus turned his blunt pronuclear weapons in the region creates a counter sense of in-Westernism into an art form. security. Six of Nato's 14 Euro-pean members have no nudelaying a formal application to join the European Union until this year. On the other, he tried to show how much clear weapons, so why shouldn't the potential new entrants from Central Europe be guaranteed the same letout? Valki's point is welltaken since surveys show that even in Poland, where eager-ness to join the alliance is refusing to accept his Central European allies' currencies. Attila Agh, a leading politihighest, it evaporates over the nuclear issue: 61 per cent of Poles would not join Nato if it meant having nuclear weapons on their

territory. In Poland, Wojciech Lamentowicz, recently ap-pointed as President Alexander Kwasniewski's main foreign policy adviser, de-Central Europe as "an imag-ined community of common hopes". The memory of op-pression from Russians and nazi Germany which produced a sense of danger on both flanks obscures a deeper cultural pull which comes from one direction only, namely the West.

"Central Europe's geonolitical identity," Lamentowicz argues, "was and is based on a

anger at the long wait comes from realising that the EU's leading member-states prefer the present limbo. In 1989 Poland and Hungary had a rough balance of trade with the EU. Now they import far

more than they sell. Western corporations, led by the Ger-mans, operate freely within the region. To them it makes no difference whether the region joins the EU. Mean-while, the EU need not adjust its common agricultural pol-icy or enlarge the structural funds which go to poorer

free trade area (CEFTA), which plans to remove all in-ternal tariffs by 2000. Part of Central Europe's anger at the long wait comes

N GERMANY and Japan, the transition to democratic capitalism after 1945 was eased in over a period of years while their economies were kept closed and their currencies aid of massive transfers of capital. Yet these were warravaged economies where the imperative of speed was strong. In Central Europe, the need for economic re-structuring in 1989 was not as paramount as building the political institutions of an open society. But, encouraged by their western backers, the new governments chose to dis mantle the communist-era

Some officials condemned them as "paternalistic", on the grounds that they kept cit-izens passive, dependent, and unenterprising. Others like the Hungarian economist Janos Kornai, called them "premature" welfare states The countries' economies were too under-developed to be able to afford cradle-tograve provision. A radical shift from consumption to investment was the only way to modernise and compete in the global market-place. The rapid transition has

produced a widening of in-come differentials and left many, perhaps most, Central Europeans economically less secure. Flourishing cities co-exist with new rural poverty. Konrad says Central Europe's real border does not abut Aus tria. It runs through Hungary itself, separating a booming western half from a stricker East. In Poland the pattern is similar. Warsaw and five other large cities are lakes of prosperity in an eroding de-sert of decline.

The fact that Central Europe has completed the switch to an open society and maintained political stability while making this tough eco-nomic transition is a remarkable story of success. It reinforces the case that the area deserves better of the West. Entry into Nato is a sop with little practical benefit which may increase instability fur-ther East. Entry into the European Union ought to be

Union or Nato, Central Euro-peans have started to re-invent themselves. "We must re present ourselves as Central George Konrad's The Melan-choly of Rebirth, Essays from Post-Communist Central Europeans," as Attila Agh Europe, is published by Har-court Brace and Company, New York puts it. Even the Czech pre-mier, Vacláv Klaus, is taking a new interest in the regional



ments in Poland chose "deci-sive westernisation", accord-ing to Lamentowicz. When the **GIM TALKING** O% FINANCE

former communist, Alexan-

maintained the pro-Nato

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eventually be invited to join Nato. He calls the American

Sians "unwise" because it

could provoke the Russians

into trying to restore the

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With no guarantee of early

accession to the European

change is Lamentowicz's view

der Kwasniewski, defeated Lech Walesa in December, he

From May 14th, every Renault Mégane hatchback is now available for a limited period with 0% finance." What do you say to that?



Builder of a flawed Utopia

has died aged 81, was the greatest visionary developer working in American cities in recent times. His influence ex-tended around the globe, from Buenos Aires to Sydney, Osaka, Liverpool and

Born on Maryland's East-ern Shore, he began as a small-scale mortgage banker in the 1930s, but came into his own as the pioneer of large scale regional shopping malls — of the sort now common in Britain — in the 1950s and 1960s. From that he went on to build the new town of Columbia in Maryland, and push for inner city revitalisation via largescale, often waterfront, rede-

velopment projects. Rouse was the kind of devel oper who "made no little plans" (as Daniel Burnham put it). He often quoted Goethe's Faust to the effect that "boldness had genius pow and magic in it" and that whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it." But not a little of the Faustian drama touched his work as he sought to reconcile his pact with capitalism and the market with communitarian and social ideals.

Rouse could realise his plans because he was, above all, a pragmatist. He had little time for academic research. theory, or even extended empirical work. But he understood very well the fundamental rule of real-estate development — location, location and location. And he had

a flair for seeing possibilities and realising them when others threw up their hands He came to believe that the problems of ailing American

cities could be cured through a strong and committed public/private partnership dedicated to revitalising a spirit of community. Entrepreneurial vision and drive coupled with a sense of community would solve all problems. For him, such a partnership

meant much more than the public taking the risk and the private taking the profit. Pub-lic purpose meant improving the lives of ordinary and disadvantaged people. He therefore gave freely of his accumu lated wisdom and of his prodigious energy to aid all manner of public officials (from presidents to local

He was a consummate bust. nessman, adept at giving persuading people to want what he had to give. Early on he saw the power of Disneyland as a marketing strategy for urban development and recognised the latent demand. of affluent, middle-class Amer icans to engage in multi-purpose shopping in a secure, controlled and, above all, pleasant interior environment. Shopping, he felt, fortable experience in which people are made to feel important. His was a populist style of development and he produced an architecture to

But there were evident limits to his approach to urban ills. Rouse helped shape the "I shop therefore I am" culture of mindless consumerism that came to characterise middle class life in America. In so doing he helped unwittingly to foster a political indifference to the well-being of others that s profoundly at odds with his own communitarian ideals. The suburbanisation of shopping malls likewise accelerated the inner city decay

preoccupation. By far his grandest project was the new town of Columbia. In an extraordinary operation that involved the packaging of immense financial powers, sophisticated and

very secretive land assembly, and a lot of brainstorming as to design, Rouse set out to show that private capital, operating with only minimum public financial support, could successfully create a totally new city. Nearly 30 years later Columbia has more than 30,000 residents, an apparent success story for oth the Rouse Corporation that built it and the people

who live there. But there is a gap between the initial vision and the real ity. Rouse hoped, in the tradition of Ebenezer Howard, to create a new town community unto itself with strong local employment and a population mix of classes, races and incomes. But in the end it was location that made Columbia work — equidistant from Bal-timore and Washington, it bethe relatively affluent fleeing inner city ills and thus accelerated the decline of down-towns in both cities. Racial integration of the middle class was the only residual sign of

the initial vision. Perturbed by the collapse of inner cities into wastelands of despair and decaying buildings. Rouse turned his talents in the 1970s to their revitalisation. Festival market places



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a formula endlessly and repetitively copied by Rouse and others elsewhere — were built as anchors for downtown reiuvenation. His hallmark project was

the inner harbour renewal in Baltimore. Mixing tourism. consumption, leisure and office development, in a space that made maximum use of the waterfront. Rouse helped achieve a populist effect and delivered a profitable result that many sought to emulate as in Liverpool's Albert Dock — far less successfully elsewhere. But even in Baltithat of "bread and circuse of consumerism and spectacle rather than of substance. Absorbing more and more public and private investment moneys, Baltimore's inner har-bour drained resources from the rest of the city, making a spectacular island of leisure and populist consumption in

ing urban decav. James Rouse was a profoundly ethical and religious man. It was characteristic of the Rouse Company in 1981. he put much of his personal wealth into the Enterprise Foundation, a national nonprofit body to finance the rehabilitation of housing for the poor. Active in several

cities, Rouse again chose Bal-timore as one of his most intensive experimental zones, taking on, as part of a public private and non-profit part-pership, one of the city's mos run-down areas that had been untouched by the inner harbor renewal. While the physical ambience of the area imemployment conditions

proved far harder to chang In 1995, he was awarded the Presidential Model of Presdom, the nation's highest ci-vilian honour. President Clinton praised his life as exemplary of the American spirit." It is a fair judgment. Rouse's life is an extraordi-nary record of both the moving powers and the limits of that spirit to deal with urban ills that worsened, rather than improved in his lifetime. Urhan ills in America evidently cannot fundamentally be cured, by even an honest partnership between the public and private sectors. They can remarked, at best be moved around. Rouse, in the end. was one of those prime

Rouse was a truly Faustian figure — the grand developer not afraid to engage with the "creative destruction" inherent in his calling and one who realised sufficiently large scale plans as to reveal in all its problematic glory much of the tragedy of contemporary capitalist urban development

David Hervey

Bort Horvey, chairman and chief executive of the Enterprise Poundation, writes: James Rouse charmed from an early age. He talked his way on to a ship as an escort for elderly ladies to get a free education in Hawali. He paid for law school by convincing a car parking operation of his supreme qualifications — except that he couldn't drive. "If life gives you lemons," he said.

"make lemonade". Jim always believed that business was there to serve human need. If the business organisation offered the opportunity for its people to reach their fulfilment, profits would result. Throughout the building of Columbia and the growth of the Rouse Company, Jim was actively involved in civic and voluntary activities, serving or chairing housing task forces for four presidents, deeply involved in the world federalist moveof civil rights work. Sleep was not an option. Catnaps came whenever he could no longer over-rule nature. Once while he was driving, he asked me

to wake him up when the light turned green. Retirement from the Rouse Company in 1981 was a new help poor people help them-selves through the opportu-nity for decent, affordable housing and a path up and out of poverty. With that vision Enterprise Foundation which today works with 550 commu-nity-based projects in 153 cities and has provided commitments of grants, loans and equity investments exceeding \$1.7 billion. The Foundation has helped produce more than 61,000 units of housing for very low-income people, one third of whom were either ess or with special

Jim fought so hard, despite being in considerable pain towards the end, believing that his work wasn't yet finished. He leaves a wife, Patty, three children, three step-children and 16 grandchildren. He is also survived by his ex-wife Elizabeth.

James Wilson Rouse, developer, born April 25, 1914; died April 9, 1996

The most beautiful girl in the world

Dorothy Hyson in 1933 . . . 'the world's new sweetheart' said Cary Grant

OROTHY Hyson, who has died aged mired beauty on stage and screen in the 1930s and 1940s, and one of the best loved figures of the theatre world. She was born in Chicago,

Dorothy Hyson

the daughter of celebrated American ballroom dancers Carl Hyson and Dorothy Dickson. When she was three, her mother became a Broadway star in Jerome Kern's Oh, Boy!, dancing with her husband. They then came to London, where Dickson established herself as one of the great musicalcomedy stars of the age in Kern's Sally and Gershwin's Tip-Toes. When her parents separated in 1923 "Little Dot" as she was affectionately known remained in this country with her

Hyson's childhood in Eng-land was as she later told her husband, Anthony Quayle, very inadequate and unhappy". It was mostly spen at boarding schools in the home counties, far from the backstage world she had known in New York. However, she already had the theatre in her blood when she appeared in J M Barrie's Quality Street at the Savoy at the age of 12, playing one of the children. Her perfor-mance in Daisy Ashford's The Young Visiters the following year attracted the

nte who predicted that she would be "the comedienne of the future". Finishing school in Paris, and holidays in the South of France with her glamorous nother — they were often ssumed to be sisters quickly got Hyson offers for

attention of critic James Ag-

films. She appeared in such early British talkies as Soldiers Of The King (1933), The Ghoul (1933), with Boris Karloff and Ralph Richardson, and Sing as We Go (1934) with Gracie Fields. She impressed Cary Grant so much that he called her "the world's new sweetbeart" and "the most beautiful girl in the world." In-deed, Rodgers and Hart's hit song called exactly that was said to have been inspired by her blue eyes, blunde hair, and fragile singing and dancing style. (The most beautiful star in the world/ Isn't Garbo, isn't Dietrich/ But the sweet trick/ Who can make me believe ti's a beauti-

ful world.) On stage Hyson appeared in Ivor Novello's Flies In The Sun, Maxwell Anderson's Saturday's Children, Dodie Smith's Touch Wood and

That spring, Hyson married the actor Robert Douglas. Later the same year they appeared together on Broadway in Most Of The Game. In the 1938 Old Vic production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, she proved a spir-ited Titania.

During the war, Hyson appeared in a revue, Let's Face It, with Michael Wilding and Mary Malcolm followed by several comedy roles be-fore she achieved her greatest success as Emily Stra-chan in Roland Pertwee's Pink String And Sealing

During the first post-war season, Hyson played Lady Windermere in John Gielgud's production of Wilde's Lady Windermere's Fan. Cecil Beaton designed the sets and costumes and when Hyson refused to wear the dress he had designed for Act 1, "I was upset out of all proportion" he wrote.

N 1945 Hyson was divorced from Douglas, and two years later married Anthony Quayle. They had first met in 1936 when Hyson was playing Jame Bennet in a version of *Pride* And Prejudice at the St James's Theatre. Quayle, who played Mr Wickham,

Ryan Worral

YAN WORRAL, who has

a philosopher of science and a

free spirit. writes Walter Ken-

dall. His books The Outlook of

Science and Footsteps of War-fure, published in the thirties and Energy And Matter (1948)

were commended by Einstein

Worral, who didn't fit into any

party, also made an important

contribution to early British

died aged 93, was a doctor

Keith Winter's Ringmoster, | later remembered that he thought Hyson in her Rex Whistler gown "the most beautiful creature I had ever

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Hyson retired from the stage to devote herself to family life; the Quayles had three children, Rosanna, Jennifer (Jenny, now a suc cessful actress, the third generation), and Christo-pher. When Quayle was ap pointed director of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford, his wife was active behind the scenes. "Without her I could have been nothing, done nothing", he wrote in his autobiography A Time To

In September 1995, Dorothy Dickson died, aged 102, one of the legendary figures from the now so distant dancing 1920s. Sir Anthony Quayle died in 1989. He de-scribed his wife's beauty and allure as being "like coming into brilliant sunshine after the darkness of a dungeon. . . it was not only her beauty that possessed me, it was a radiant light-ness of heart."

Patrick O'Conner

Dorothy Hyson (Lady Quayle), acdled May 23, 1996



ONLY 39 today and Alastair Campbell (right) races along the corridors of power with a still-boyish step in the thuggish service of the relatively elderly Tony Blair, 48. But he has packed a lot into that

young life. Comprehensive and Cambridge educated, the middle-class son of a vet, Campbell is still passionately devoted to Burnley FC and to the Labour Party. Less predictably, he emerged from Rupert Alla-son's recent (failed) libel action as the pen behind a for-mer Miss Gigolo, a contributor

to Forum magazine. This time next year he will be Blair's Downing Street press secretary, if the voters embrace the modernisers. Pro gressives of all strines must wish him well in a vital task: squaring or squashing the media. The Fleet Street shark one to provoke the Campbell temper, or barsh, even witty words he may regret. Like . many beleaguered Labour press flaks in the past, prickly Joe Haines for instance, he regards anyone not 110 per cent pro-Blair as a potential memy. Ally must learn to settle for less. And actually he is better at charming than at bullying. Gigolos usually are.

Today's other birthdays: Lord Aldington, barrister, former chairman, Sun Alliance, 82; Liliana Archibald, expert on banking law, 68; Kim Bailey. racehorse trainer, 43; Alistair Burt MP, under-secretary of state for Social Security, 41; Julian Clary, comedian and actor, 37 Barry Cox, director, PTV Association, 54; Jeanne Crain, actress, 71; Prof Marianne Elliott, historian, 48;

> and biographer, 58; Livia Gol-lancz, musician and publisber, 76; Sir Eldon Griffiths, former Conservative MP, 71; Michael Harris, cricket umpire, 52; Baron Hooper, former Conservative minister, 57; David Jenkins. athlete, 44: Sir Ian McKellen actor, 57; Geoffrey Robinson. Labour MP, 58; Beverley Sills, operatic soprano and manager, 67; Dave Lee Travis, disc jockey, 51; David

Margaret Forster, novelist

Premorrow's birthdays: Susan Baird, former Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of Glasgow, 56; Helena Bonham-Carter, actress, 30; Gill Cole ridge, literary agent, 48; Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP, 47; Roy Dotrice, actor, 71; Sir David English, chairman

Wynne, sculptor, 70.



und editor-in-chief, Associated Newspapers, 65; Sir Peter Fry. Conservative MP. 55; Tony Greener, chairman, Guinness, 56; Alan Holling-burst, novelist, 42; Prof Wal-ter Laqueur, historian, former director, Wiener Library, 75; Peggy Lee, singer, lyri-cist, 76; Alec McCowen, actor, 71; Prof William McHardy, scholar of Hebrew, 85; Stevie Nicks, rock singer, 48; Zola Pieterse (née Budd), runner, 30; Michael Portillo MP, Secretary of State for De-fence, 43; Prof Sally Ride, American astronaut and physicist, 45; Ian Sparks, di-

rector, the Children's Society

2; Lord Stevens of Ludgate,

chairman, United News-

papers, 60; Philip Treacy, fashion designer, 29.

of the ancient Jewish feast of

Shavuot, the festival which cel-

ebrates the "first fruits" of the



Trotskyism. Born in Australia, Worral went to Russia as the correspondent of the Australian Labour Party's daily paper. He left the Soviet Union for Britain in 1927, joining in succes-sion the Labour, the Independent Labour and Communist parties. As a delegate to the CP's 1929 congress he was so influenced by the wild "third period" line — which, emanat ing from Stalin, labelled social ocrats "social fascists" that he advocated armed struggle in Britain and Gernany. He was suspected of being a police spy, and expelled.

A visit to pre-Hittler Germany convinced him of the futility of third period politics which aided the Nazi takeover. Back in Britain he joined the small band of Brit-ish Trotskyists and was one of the first to consider that the

Soviet Union was a "state capitalist" society.

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During the second world war he served as Brighton's medical officer of health be-fore being dismissed from his post for putting out a leaflet objecting to the suicidal policy of sending evacuee children "to the front line". He was reinstated after a German bomb killed several children there during a cinema

Postwar he devoted himself to scientific research, being particularly interested in the relationship between dialectics and the methodology of scientific understanding. In the thirties be had corre-sponded with Trotsky on the

Death Notices

DENNIS. Anthony Leelie, of Truro, Cornwall died pescelully at home on the 24th May. Much loved husband of Patricts and much loved clatter of Rosie. Chris and Michael Family funeral. Memorial service to be arranged. Denastors if recired to Cornwall Man Service, 2 Sc Clement Service, 10

FEMINOCK. Jack, on May 20th 1996 aged 79 Cramslucin at Sutton Coldried Cramslucin at Sutton Coldried Cramslucin at 12:30m on 31st May, followed by a thanksgiving service at St James Hill, Four Cales at 115pm and afterwards at St James Church Hall All with James hard a very company of the 15th All All with James hard to desired, donations to Christian Ald or Amnesty Informational via F.M. & J. Wall Furnish Clarical Cales.

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Face to Faith

Getting in the holiday Spirit

Hugo Slim

FEW weeks ago I stood before a pay-and-display machine in a Cornish seaside car park. The instruc-tions told me that I should pay 30 pence an hour between Christmas and Whitsun, but 50 pence per hour from Whitsun onwards. In today's multifaith and no faith Britain, it was strange (but also endear ing) to find a place where you can get a parking fine if your knowledge of the Christian cal endar is not up to scratch.

So here is a warning to anyone on holiday in Cornwall this weekend: tomorrow is Whit Sunday and car parking given, it might also be interest ing to reflect upon why Whitsun is so important that it even dictates the pricing policy of Britain's tourist industry.

Whitsun is the peculiarly English name for the Feast of Pentecost — the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit which descended like the rush of a mighty wind", and settled like

"tongues as of fire" upon the disciples. Coming 50 days after Easter (the Greek word "pente cost" means 50th) this event transformed the disciples from less band into a formidable co lection of confident, determined and multilingual preachers ready to take on the whole world.

A popular time for baptisms in medieval England, the Feast of Pentecost became known as Whitsun, or White Sunday, be worn by those being baptised. In contrast, Pentecost was known as the Red Feast throughout the rest of Europe

been at odds with Europe before now. Unusually for a joy-ful high feast, the liturgical colour for the Feast of Pentecost is red in remembrance of the tongues of fire.

Whitsom or Peniecost is thus the great feast of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity: the "comforter" and ellor" who works within us and between us to bring about God's kingdom.
This language used to describe
the Holy Spirit in the Gospels sounds, at first hearing, very contemporaneous. Indeed, it seems to make this person of the Trinity the most appealing. At a time when many claim masculinity is in crisis, and images of fatherhood and sonship are regarded with some unease, the Holy Spirit is

in some ways the most accessi-

· But to equate the Spirit with

gentleness alone would be a

ble person of the Godhead.

force to be reckoned with. It is a Spirit of power. While it comforts and counsels, it also makes things happen. It binds people together, and gives indi-viduals and groups a strength beyond the norm, a power which surprises and sustains them. Above all, the Holy Spirit is the great communica-

mistake. The Holy Spirit is a

tor — the message and the mes senger of God. As the Spirit of truth, it inspires people to speak out and bear witness to

spoken with conviction. God's truth touches the Spirit within each one of us. As the "birthday of the Church", Pentecos celebrates a message of good news which moved like wind or fire throughout the world long before our own commun

cations revolution.

But the power of the Spirit has always been controversial. Charismatics of all kinds from Isaiah to people gripped by the strange habbling and barking of the Toronto Bless ing today — have claimed that the Spirit is upon them. This is disturbing to many people. The Holy Spirit may have in-

pired the beautiful and prochatic verse of Isaiah, can it also be responsible for such veird behaviour? The challenge is to distinguish between spiritual ecstasy and group hysteria. There is a simple test or the Holy Spirit: one knows it by its fruits. The Christian least of Pontacost was born out

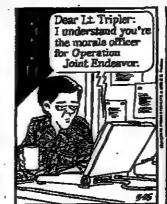
igricultural season and the giving of the Ten Commandents. For Christians, Pente cost celebrates the Spirit as the first fruits of the kingdom of Heaven. There are seven gifts of the

Holy Spirit and 12 fruits. The gifts are wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, reverence, wonder and awe The fruits are: charity; joy: peace; patience; kindne goodness; generosity; gentle-ness; faithfulness; modesty; self-control and chastity. If Whitsun can still dictate the

prices in our car parks, then surely the Holy Spirit can continue to inspire these fruits.

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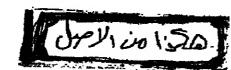
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Money Guardian

Home sweet home loan at 0 per cent

Forget warnings by the Old Lady and get in while you can. IAN WYLIE looks at the options

ORROWERS should not be deterred from exploiting mortgage giveaways despite warnings this week that they could be storing up trouble for the future.

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Would-be home owners, or those considering switching their home loans to cut repay ments, should not shun a dis-counted offer for fear that the latest price war could be a closing down sale after the Bank of England slated cutprice mortgage deals. Loans are currently on offer at an astonishing rate of 0 per cent. and borrowers can collect cashbacks of up to £12,000.

The Old Lady is worried that borrowers could sink under a mountain of debt afte the discount period ends and repayments leap to a standard variable interest rate — particularly if interest rates have

started to rise again.
The building societies' chief watchdog, Geoffrey Fitchew, delivered a similar message to lenders last week. But banks and building societies are thumbing their noses at their watchdogs, claiming that, under current competitive pressures, dropping bargain rates and cashbacks would be commercial suicide. "We are in a competitive market place and, for as long as that is the case, no lender will risk with-

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ucts," said Woolwich spokesman Charles Crouch. The Woolwich — currently offering cashbacks of up to £6,000 also rejects the Bank's charge of easing credit checks. "It is very important that lenders rate the borrower's ability to pay back the whole mortgage, not just over the discounted

period," says Mr Crouch. N&P, which is currently offering a 0 per cent mortgage until the end of the year, is equally unrepentant. "We have every intention of continuing our range of morteage deals until we merge with the Abbey National later this year," says N&P marketing director David Conway.

The country's largest mort-gage lender, the Hallfax, did try to buck the market last November when it withdrew its range of cashback mortgages but was forced to re-iniroduce them quietly in February due to "public demand" However, some lenders are scaling down their promotion of short-term fixed rates. Bradford and Bingley continues to offer its discount mort-gage rates of 2.19 per cent and 2.99 per cent for one year, but says it is now trying to steer customers away from short-

But Rob Thomas, building society analyst at stockbroker UBS, says the generous cashnot going to disappear over-night: "Leaders who are keen to grow their market share will always offer these headline rates just to get people through their doors."

Competition for borrowers in negative equity is also in-tensifying. Many of the largest lenders already offer rescue schemes for existing borrowers, but a growing number of lenders are now willing to consider borrowers who have their mortgage els where. This week Mortgage Express, the specialist mortgage lending arm of Lloyds TSB, launched the first

cheme which allows borrow

ers in negative equity to let their existing property and

Under the 'Let and Buy' scheme, tenants for the existing property are found and nanaced by rental agency Johnson Fry Housing. If the rental income is sufficient, Mortgage Express will then grant a new mortgage to the borrower at a rate of between 1.5 per cent and 1.75 per cent bove the Bank of England base rate. Borrowers must have at least a 5 per cent deposit to put down on their nev property and their existing lenders must agree to the let-

ting of the first property.



Lifting the veil . . . European investment banks are putting together packages designed to appeal to Muslim savers

Growing interest in Islam

Nick Pandys

SURY is contrary to Islam. The Holy Koran is explicit on that point. But what exactly is usury? Conventional Islamic wisdom has taken it to mean fixed interest in any form.

However, two years ago the theological academy in Saudi Arabia issued a fatwa, or edict, on invest-ment banking. This ruled that, within limits, investment in stocks and shares was permissible under Sharia — Islamic law. Now strategists at European investment banks have begun to respond to

this opportunity and sev-eral are putting together products to appeal to Muslim savers. First off the mark in the UK is merchan bank Flemings with the launch its own equity in-vestment fund which complies with the new interpre tation of Sharia.

O ensure that Oasis, its Islamic fund, is fully compatible with Sharia law the bank has set up a supervisory board of three Islamic scholars, which must oversee not only every investment in the fund but also the way it conducts its business. The board will decide whether investing in particular companies is halal (acceptable) or haram (forbidden). The fund, which sets a minimum investment of \$50,000 (£34,0000) is aimed at the Muslim community in Britain. It will select its invest-

ments from the 2,600 inter-national companies which make up the Morgan Stanley Capital Index, after weeding out companies engaged in activities such as moneylending, manufac-turing alcoholic drinks and gambling, or firms that trade with hefty borrowings, leaving around 1,000 companies including Toyota, Cable & Wireless, and drug companies such as

adopted the gold standard, recommended last year by the Office of Fair Trading, when

ssessing an individual com-

pany's past performance and future projections. The OFT

suggested that companies should receive grades, as stu-

dents do in exams, for a vari-

ety of achievements. Eagle Star, Prudential and

Royal Life all score poorly, with CCC for maturity and

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NSURANCE companies are continuing to short change their customers through unacceptably high charges, according to a new survey published by leading actu-

As Virgin Direct, the finan-cial services arm of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, launches low-cost life assurance, actuaries have pointed the finger at a number of companies which have provided consistently poor returns for their customers. Household names such as

Eagle Star, Prudential, Royal, Colonial, Scottish Amicable and Sun Life have all delivered poor returns to their with-profits policyholders, ac-

cording to the survey.
One measure of whether customers are getting a raw deal lies with the impact charges make on investment

shows that the Guardian Insurance Company pockets 8.1 per cent per year from any investment growth on 10-year pensions policies.

Given that few companies would expect consistently to earn much more than 10 per cent annually on investments this leaves less than a meagre

2 per cent for the policyholder Tunbridge Wells and Wesleyan each keep 6 per cent annually on charges — although the Wesleyan's past performance on pensions generally is good. By contrast, however, Equitable Life charges only 1.4 per cent and the CIS 2.1 per cent on 10-year pensions — against typical charges of 4

and 5 per cent. Actuary John Jenkins, one of the insurance world's num-ber crunchers at KPMG, said: With this level of charges customers really need to ask themselves whether these 10year policies are worth buy-

What to look for

TERM ASSURANCE: Best value life insurance which pays out only on death within a pre-determined period—usually five, 10 or 15 years.

WITH-PROFITS LIFE or ENDOWMENT: combines basic life assurance with a savings plan. Pays out an agreed sum on death within a pre-determined term — or an investment

lump sum at the end of the term, known as maturity value WITH-PROFITS PENSIONS: Premiums taken from tax-free earnings accumulate through the addition of annual bonuses and an additional terminal bonus. Investments can be made either via single premium policies or regular premiums.

ing. Unless they opt for good value companies like the Equitable, it could be argued that they might do better look-ing elsewhere."

Charges on 25-year endow-ment and pensions contracts are more reasonable — but policyholders must stay the full course to avoid being heavily penalised by early surrender charges. Again, the Equitable leads the attack with reduction in yields on its 25-year endowments of 0.5 per cent and pensions at 0.8 per cent. Most other companies and 2 per cent - but even on a 25-year pension policy Guard-ian pockets 4.7 per cent of the investment growth.

Virgin boss Richard Bran-son has pledged to undercut the insurance giants when he launches life assurance policies over the telephone. He also plans to offer pensions before the end of the year. The group's aim in the life

and pensions arena is to repeat the success it has had with personal equity plans where it has £325 million under management — having taken some 6 per cent of all new Peps sold since it entered the market just over a year

says: "Mr Branson won't have the same clear run as Direct Line did when it entered the motor insurance market. The established insurers have woken up to the impact of this sort of competition and have taken steps to make sure they won't get caught out again." But as the KPMG survey shows, competition may not be all that tough. The report

endowment policies. Simi-larly, over 25 years, Colonial, Scottish Amicable and Sun Roman Cizdyn, insurance analyst with Merril Lynch, Life all score CCC.

However, General Accident, Commercial Union, Equitable Life and Scottish Widows score well across a broad range of endowment and pension products. Virgin is initially offering protection-only term insurance policies with a choice of death benefits. Monthly premiums start at £6 paid via direct debit. Quotes will be

available from June 9,



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SCOTTISH WIDOWS

Nuclear unions talk strike

Chris Barrie

STRIKE threat last night hung over the soon-to-be-priva-tised nuclear indus emerged showing that up to half of Nuclear Electric's headquarters staff, including people in key safety johs. could be sacked.

With the Government finalising plans for the summer sell-off, trade unions warned yesterday that any attempt to cut jobs without regard for safety would be met with "decisive and immediate" action. Nuclear Electric managers

Capital

cuts by

factory

RESH evidence that the

- factory sector is strug-

gling emerged yesterday when official figures showed

capital expenditure in the first three months of the year.

Factory chiefs spent 2 per

cent less than they did in the last three months of 1995,

regarded as a useful indicator of manufacturers' expecta-tions because it includes pro-

vision for expansion of pro-

duction. It has now fallen for the second quarter in a row.

City analysts said yester-

day's data did not tally with latest Confederation of Brit-

ish Industry evidence of fun-

damentally positive capital

Despite the quarterly fall in capital spending from £3,145 million to £3,084 mil-

lion, the annual rate of growth

problem with stock overhang.

stocks in the first quarter this

three months (worth £257 mil-

This suggested that manu-

some stocks to retailers, but it

could also indicate why manu-

facturers may have sold on

facturers' expectations of

holding more than adequate

stock levels were still high.

spending expectations in

was still positive and was

slightly stronger at 0.8 per

three months. However, there is still a

Factories built up fewer

year than in the previous

lion against £648 million).

retailers registered much

stronger stock building.

while wholesalers and

according to the Office for

National Statistics.

Capital spending is

chiefs

are contemplating redundan-cies for up to 600 people, half of the staff, at the company's neadquarters in Barnwood.

One insider said the indus-try had already shed 35 per ent of its staff in the run-up to privatisation. Now cuts may e contemplated in areas such as research and development safety-related activity because breakdown in an atomic reactor needs swift technical

The industry's advanced as-cooled reactors have sufered persistent problems in the past year as managers have fought to raise output

investigation.

ahead of the sale. But the company is under mounting pres-sure to cut costs in order to persuade sceptical investors

to back the sell-off.
Analysis released this week
by the stockbroker BZW, adviser to the Government on the sale, cut the value of the industry by £700 million to between £1.7 billion and 23.1 billion, but said at least £40 million could be saved by 1999 through reductions in staffing at stations and admin

Tony Cooper, general secretary of the Engineers and Managers Association, warned that his members

there were safety problems. 'If there were to be any threat to safety, our response would Because his members were engineers and scientists in the industry, the union was in a strong position to assess the threat to safety of wide-scale iob cuts.

British Energy, the holding company of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, said there were no job cuts "in train or announced" beyond those already made public.
The company declined to comment on longer-term cost-cutting at Nuclear Electric. Scottish Nuclear said that 70 jobs were to go from its staff this year. It also declined to discuss longer-term plans. The industry is trying to squeeze longer operating times out of its nuclear rea tors. The sale prospectus, due to be published in mid-June, will highlight the potential for boosting revenues by extending the lives of the seven advanced gas-cooled reactors and the Sizewell B pressurise ater reactor. The company

will also cite extra revenue to be had by reducing the time Trade and Industry Secretary Ian Lang and his Opposi tion shadow, Margaret Beckett, clashed yesterday over the Mr Lang rejected Labour's call for the sale to be post-poned, but admitted that crucial actuarial advice on the "segregated fund" — to pay for decommissioning reactor

 had yet to be finalised. The Government has already de-cided, however, that the fund will need only £16 million a year from British Energy. Mrs Beckett said it was "in-

creasingly clear" that the Gov ernment was unable to reassure taxpayers they would not pick up the bill for the self-off.

The Health and Safety Executive has allowed the elderly Magnox reactor at Dungen Kent, to continue operation for another 10 years.

Doubt creeps into Dow celebration



Edited by Alex Brummer

much focus on the 100th birthday tomorrow of the Dow Jones Industrial Index. which for much of the past century has been the bell-wether of Anglo-Saxon capi-talism. Certainly, it hasn't dishaving touched a record 5778 on Wednesday and barely:

drawing breath since. What is starting to obsess
US analysts is the approaching presidential election. The
second such contest, won by one George Washington in 1792, coincided with the foundation of the New York Stock Exchange, so there is a wealth of historical data.

Every US election year since 1959 has been positive for equities. If records are examined for the two years ahead of a presidential elec-tion, it is found that sharesas measured by the broadly bsed S&P 500 — outperform cash and bonds.

Clearly, there has been nothing to disturb the peace so far this year, apart from a cou ple of spikes in the employment numbers and the turmoil at Fidelity Investments' Magellan Fund with the departure of Jeffrey Vinik amid complaints about perfor-

The sharp Clinton focus on the economy, which won for him in 1992 ("It's the economy, stupid") and the flow through in the shape of reduced budget deficits have even won over some traditional Wall Street barons. Not those at Brown Brothers Har-riman & Co, the most blueblooded of US investment

houses, however. In its latest market assess ment, Brown Brothers expresses concern that the strength of Bill Clinton's lead over Bob Dole could bring Congress back to the Demo-crats in November. This, in the broker's view, would raise questions about the seriousness of the Democrats in bringing the deficit down be-low \$200 billion a year.

It believes the deficit outlook is crucial, in that the bull market has been based upon the belief that the demand for financial capital from the public sector is on a downward path. Thus far so good, with public spending for the 1997 financial year showing a 3 per cent real decline. That is good news: but it may not remain so if President Clinton's spending itch is freed from the

Share wheeze

likes of Newt Gingrich.

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke has asked the Se-curities and Investments Board to look at the exemption enjoyed by the City market-making firms from paying stamp duty on share deals.

The thinking behind Mr Clarke's move is that the exemption is a privilege and he wants to be sure that those who receive it are putting something back in terms of li-

quidity and price-setting. The timing, too, might see reasonable. The way share lealing in the City is carried out is undergoing change, not least in the planned introduc-

Co-op farmers leaner and

greener after 100 years

tion of order-driven trading for stock in the companies which make up the FTSE 100 index. Why not look at the tax regime at the same time? Mr Clarke might, howev have been better advised to have gone for a more radical approach. Order-driven trad-ing in the FTSE 100 will reduce the market-makin capacity required within the City. Would it not have been better, therefore, simply to abolish the tax on share deals? That would have redeemed a manifesto pledge and might ilso have boosted stock market turnover, including in those non-FTSE 100 shares on

Insurance risks

which market-makers will

have to focus.

HE pending merger be tween the Royal Insurance and the Sun Alliance has created a great deal of excitement in the financia community. The broker Salamon Brothers has been among those to wax lyrical, pointing out that the "proposed executive team is commendably

But is it? Whereas up to 5.000 other employees are to lose their jobs at the two companies, both chief executives Roger Taylor and Richard Gamble, keep theirs, the former as executive deputy chairman and the latter as chief executive.

In fact, of all the executives on the two existing boards there is scarely one who does not make it on to the manage neut board of the new Royal Sun Alliance: a point which is now being scrutinised by in-stitutional investors.

Certainly, in any normal mergar — look at Granada/ Forte — the executives normally take a great deal of the pain. There is no point in doubling up on executive salacreasing by leaps and bounds. A poorly designed Royal/Sun Alliance merger also will set bad precedents for those which come next, as they

surely will. A quick look down the table of the free-asset ratios of insurance companies, produced by actuaries at KPMG, illustrates why more insurance groups can be expected to hange ownership. It is gener ally assumed that a comfort-able free-asset ratio is 5 per cent or above, with market eaders like Standard Life up at 13.7 per cent. Among those in the weaker zone are Clerithe Halifax; Equitable Life (which is right on the 5 per cent margin): Friends Provident at 3 per cent and Scottish Mutual at 4.2 per cent. Norwich Union, at 7.2 per cent, is contemplating conversion to plc status to raise extra capital. The others, meanwhile, await the arrival of suitable

Peeper's delight

white knights.

based on Russian tech nology, is to go on sale in high street stores next week for about £350.

Its American maker Moon light Products, says it is ideal for the after-dark activities of bird-watchers and animal lovers. Nighttime anglers will be able to see fish underwater, while anxious farmers could monitor their livestock after the day's work is done. And, of course, "the security conscious will be able to keep an eye on their property at light". No mention, however, of how suitable it will be for poschers, burglars, peeping toms and the like.

where today the same task

core farming workforce is

horses - since about 1909. The last horse was put out to grass in 1964.
The century also recorded changing environmental pri-

orities. Labourers photo-graphed just after the first

employs four. The total Co-op

The Co-op used its first trac-tor at Coldham in 1917, but had been using steam lorries— which did the work of seven

John Aglionby in Jakarta operation with Kia Motor Corp of South Korea, rolls off the assembly line. This is Chevrolet Blazer trucks in scheduled for September. Under the arrangements facturers are threaten-Indonesia. ing to quit Indonesia un-Timor Putra will be able to

riles foreign car firms

less President Suharto reconsiders the country's new national car policy, which they claim is against World Trade Organisation (WTO)

Yesterday, the American **Automobile Manufacturers** Assocation (AAMA) joined the chorus of local car maker Japanese firms and the European Union in demanding that Jakarta revoke the preferen-Timor Putra Nasional, a company run by President Suhar to's youngest son, Hutomo Mandala Putra.

Timor Putra will be exempt from paying the 100-200 per cent import tax on car components and the 25-35 per cent luxury sales duty when its

HE prospects for a

£3 billion merger be

aerospace group Lucas Indus-tries and the US company Var-

ity strengthened dramatically

nies indicated that talks on the

financial structure of the deal

were going well.

esterday when both compa

tween motor parts and

undercut its rivals by up to 50 per cent. Car sales in Indone-sia have slumped since the programme was announced in February as many people are waiting to buy the Timor car. According to AAMA president Andrew Card, the policy is protectionist and a regres-

recent de-regulatory programme. He said: "Indonesia was on the road to success, but has now put up a stop sign. The new national car programme appears to signal a change in direction from its good record on de-regulation and promotion of free market princi-

sive step for Indonesia's

The AAMA is the trade association for Chrysler, the

Ford Motor Company and General Motors, which has its only plant for right hand drive

Although Lucas directors

tails of the transaction, the company signalled its satisfac-tion with the negotiations so

far amid signs that a full-

blown merger, rather than a limited joint venture, is now

In a formal statement issued

ahead of a board meeting con-

vened to consider the Varity

merger, Lucas said the discus-

New Indonesian policy | Smokers to extend legal

were tight-lipped about the de-

"We hope that the flawed national car programme will be re-visited and that there will be an effort to bring the programme into compliance with the world trading system", Mr Card added.

The national car policy has also drawn criticism from Japan and European Union trade commissioner Sir Leon Brittan, who said during a visit to Jakarta last month that it was contrary to Indone sia's obligation under the World Trade Agreement. Japan's ministry of trade

and industry also argues that the national car programme breached WTO rules. Indone-sia and Japan's bilateral talks to try and solve their differences have proved inconclusive. No government has raise the case at the WTO yet.

contest across 50 states Mark Tran in New York

Lucas and Varity look likely to tie knot

sions were "proceeding well"

But it was "unlikely" that an

Varity, which owns the Kel-

sey-Hayes brakes business in the US and diesel engine

maker Perkins in the UK,

comment further.

agreed discussions were "pr ceeding well" but refused to

Advisors acting for Lucas

announcement on an agree-ment would be made before

early June.

Looking good . . . Lucas chief George Simpson (left) with John Grant, finance director, says talks are 'proceeding well'

AWYERS representing smokers yesterday pre-pared to do battle in all 50 states after a federal court in New Orleans threw out a huge class action suit gainst the tobacco industry on behalf of millions of

Undeterred by the New Orleans setback, a consortium of nearly 60 plaintiffs' lawyers will continue its legal fight by filing new class action suits in every

"We do have Plan B for this contingency", said John Coale, a lawyer speak-ing on behalf of the plain-tiffs. "We would have liked to have won this decision, but we're not going to go

The three appeal judges in New Orleans handed the tobacco industry an imporwhen they ruled against an attempt to bundle lawsuits into a single case represent ing virtually every smoker who claims to have be-

and Varity are trying to

valuation of the two busi-

resolve key issues such as the

nesses. On the basis of market

capitalisation. Lucas share-

holders could expect to hold

George Simpson is known to favour the deal as a way of

ing as a motor components

boosting Lucas's global stand-

just over 60 per cent of the

combined group's equity. Lucas chief executive

come addicted to nicotine In a unanimous verdict, the judges asserted that the Castano case — named after the lead defendant — would be too unwieldy and that there were too many differ-ences between the Individ-

nal cases. The court did not touch on the merits of the core accusation from the plain-tiffs: cigarette makers knew about the addictive power of nicotine and manipulated nicotine levels to get smokers booked. Tobacco shares immedi-

ately jumped on the news and yesterday most compa nies made further advance Philip Morris, which jumped \$6% on Thursday, edged up % yesterday mornpany to slip was BAT, which dipped ¼ to \$16%, although in the UK BAT's shares jumped 19p to 521p on the

supplier. Varity would also

Varity's chief executive,

Victor Rice, is tipped to be

chief executive of the com-

bined group while Lucas chairman Sir Brian Pearse

would become chairman. Mr

Simpson has already said he is joining GEC later this year.

Lucas shares closed 2p

down at 235p.

give Lucas a strong American

Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson, a BAT sub-sidiary, both said that the ruling sent a message to other courts against taking up similar class action suits similar to Castano.

"The judicial system was not designed as a lawyer en-richment device, which is becoming the typical result of today's class action lawsuits", said Brown & The New Orleans decision

emphasised the difficulty of prevailing against the tobacco industry in the courts. Cigarette makers have yet to pay a penny in damages and this week's victory represented a huge boost for a \$45 billion (£30.4 billion)industry.

Martyn Halsall, Northern strial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S biggest farmer. which ploughed its first furrow 100 years ago on 714 acres it bought for £30,000, ye terday celebrated its cente ary with record profits and the largest managed landhold-ing in its history. The harvest of figures for

CWS Agriculture, the farming arm of the Co-op, saw profits grow from \$4.7 million to £5.6 million in 1994/95, on a turnover of £28 million. The results underlined an agricul-tural revolution.

was transferred in June 1896 now works more than 50,000 acres on 25 farms.

Nearly 80 years ago, 28 cloth-capped and overalled men brought in the harvest at Coldham, Cambridgeshire,

arabaeu just aner the first world war taking axes to hedge boundaries have been replaced by today's conserva-tionists meticulously planting

Each Co-op farm has its own conservation plan and some have been hosts to sites of special scientific interest since 1949.

"With over 7,000 cattle, pol-lution control is clearly a problem," the Co-op said diplomatically.

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United Friendly opts to back out of motor cover

Pauline Springett

INITED Friendly will not write any new motor in-surance business from July 1, although it will continue to honour existing policies. Group investment director John McLachlan said the decision had been triggered by the current competitive condi-tions in the motor insurance

Mr McLachlan added that United Friendly had a relatively small motor portfolio representing about one-eighth of its total annual premium income, most of which comesfrom life insurance. He also acknowledged that although

small underwriting profit in 1994, it had barely broken

even last year. Mr McLachlan predicted there would be further con-solidation within the motor insurance industry. "There are too many players chasing too few customers," he said. United Friendly's move

comes shortly after the revela tion that General Accident is ooking to a further increase in its motor rates. It raised them by 4 per cent at the begin ning of April. That move followed the an-

nouncement that motor insur-ance market leader Direct

Line, the telephone insurance

Scotland, had seen its halfyear profits dive by 90 per cent

Meanwhile, the Association of British Insurers said that subsidence and bad weather claims had risen sharply in the first three months of the

The ABI said that weather damage claims for the UK had risen to £308 million — a rise of 155 per cent compared with the same period last year — while subsidence claims had doubled to £68 million, compared with 1995. ABI director general Mark

Boleat said the figures were

them on the hot summer and

disappointing and blamed

COMPETITION from regional shopping centres has not hit jobs in city centre shops as much as had been thought, according to a study by the economic research organisation CES. But the search shows that the quality of shops in such city centres has declined.

Retail employment in Gateshead and Newcastle was higher in 1993 (the latest date for available census data) than it was in 1984. That was the ear before the opening of the MetroCentre, one of the largest and oldest of the regional shopping malls.

Centre has employed almost 4,000 people, creating a subtantial boost to total shop iobs in the area. The impact of the Merry Hill centre near Dudley, and

Regional malls hit city shopping quality

Sheffield's Meadowhall mall. which between them employ more than 7,000 people, is less

Shop jobs in Dudley dropped dramatically from 1964 to 1993, down by almost 1,000 to just under 1,300. Jobs in Birmingham also slumped down from almost 12,000 to under 7,000 in the same period. Similarly, Sheffield retail employment dropped from almost 10,000 in 1984 to just over 7.000.

opping centre was declining before the opening of Meado-whall. Birmingham had also lost thousands of jobs in the 1980s before the opening of Merry Hill. Employment in Birmingham shops seems to have stabilised at the beginning of the 1990s, while the rate of job losses in Dudley also seems to have slowed

But CES sava Sheffield's

The standing of most city centres has fallen, however Sheffield dropped down the Hill(or Parker rankings from ninth in 1984 to 23rd last year. Of these cities, only Birmingham has clung on, ranking fourth last year compared to

Steady does it, as Dutch bank extends its dykes

Mark Milner in Amsterdam

tnsurance risk

HE atmosphere in the executive dining suite of ABN Amro's headquarters in Amsterdam echoes the discreet charm of a top restaurant. Black-jacketed waiters slip unobtrusively between the kitchen and the diners who

even in egalitarian Holland,

need a tie. For a brief spell earlier this month, however, Dining Room Number Nine had a dif-ferent role. Its cool, pastel walls hid a secret, Chunky cutlery and sparkling glassware were confined to drawer and cupboard, to be replaced

by phones and faxes.
The room became the safe house from which to conduct the "Taylor" project — ABN Amro's negotiations over the joint venture with the London investment bank NM Rothschild, headed by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. Even within the two banks, information about the Taylor project was closely held—though the project team's taste for cloak and dag-ger was limited.

Documents referred to ABN Amro/Taylor, but anyone ringing Mr Taylor's number would have found themselves connected to the Rothschild switchboard. The deal, under

which the two banks will work together to underwrite and distribute shares interca-tionally, was greeted with

widespread acclaim when it was finally unveiled. It was seen as an important step forward in the Dutch group's plans to be a universa bank. On the commercial banking

side. ABN Amro is already up with the world's leaders, while a string of modest acqui-sitions over the years— Houre Govett in London, HG Asia, Alfred Berg in Scandina-via — has given it a broadly based equity distribution

That, however, has still left the Dutch bank some way short of what the Americ refer to as "the bulge bracket" as far as investment banking As part of its strategy of

building up the investment banking side, ABN Amro had earlier run its slide rule over Barings in the wake of the latter's collapse, but the British bank was subsequently sold to another Dutch group, ING. To the chagrin of many ABN Amro executives, most of the Netherlands insists on seeing ING's move as a victory over its Dutch rival — an interpre-tation which ABN Amro force

fully rejects. Even ABN Amro would ac-

parts of Barings would have lated into its investment banking side — though there would have been some heity overlap, too. The joint venture with Rothschild is unusual

among the links between British merchant banks and big continental commercial banks, in that it does not involve the latter taking control or even a stake in the former. Was that what ABN Amro

Wanted, or was that the only way it could tie up with Roths-child? Faced with the question, ABN Amro's patrician chairman, Jan Kalff, peers quizzically over his spectacles and is then as dismissive as his considerable courtesy permits. "We were not after the

bank, we knew it was not available. We never discussed it; that would have been counter-productive. What we did was work in a porticular way to improve further the already very successful working relationship with Roths-child in the international

equity markets." Mr Kalif sees the arrang ment as good news for both partners. "The idea was born of working together. Over the vears we have done many deals with Rothschild. They have become more and more impressed by our placing capacity, they have a very

customers: corporations and. in particular, governments which are considering priva-

The link with Rothschild is clearly not the limit of ABN Amro's ambition — though Standard Life's Bank of Scot land stake is not on the shopping list. Asset management i an area in which ABN Amro would like to increase its pres ence, but Mr Kalff is determined any deals should meet the bank's financial criteria

prospect, at current prices, of a purchase which would produce the 14 per cent return the bank achieved last year. He sees no need to change the bank's incremental approach to its expansion, Some

in other words be sees little

of the pieces that make up the bank's strategy are now well established. Others have yet to be proved but, as Mr Kaifi says: "So far, so good." Wilco Jiskoot, ABN Amro's top investment banker and the

man behind the Rothschild deal, is equally positive that the bank has no need to rush around the world waving a cheque book. "Given the busi-ness mix we have today, I have never seen a time when there were so many opportunities from our existing opera-

Why make a big move when



len King

TAGECOACH, Britain's biggest private bus operator, is considering making a bid for Swedbus, the Swedish bus operator owned by Swedish Rallways, which is being privatised for around SKr1 billion (£93 million).

Stagecoach is among seven firms reported to be interest in Swedbus, including FirstBus - Britain's secondbiggest bus operator, formed last year from the merger between GRT and Badgerline —and the Swedish group

EQT. Swedbus, which controls around 30 per cent of the Swedish bus market and has operations in Denmark, Norway and Finland, enjoyed seles of around SKr3.5 billion (£325 million) in 1995, notching up profits after tax of about SKr111 million (£10 million).

A Stagecoach spokesman rumours, However, sources

close to the company confirmed that it was Swedbus, although developments were at "a very early stage". Meanwhile, a spokesman

for FirstBus said the company was not interested in market rumours. Stagecoach and FirstBus have both been linked in recent weeks with possible bids for private rail

of the privatisation of the Swedish rail network, the door to which was opened in 1966 when the country's parliament in 1988 approved legislation separating infrastructure management from train operations. The model has been copied superficially at least - by Britain's rail privatisation

In Sweden, the programme has been so successful that the country's airlines have been where it is now more popular to take the train.

Stagecoach eyes Interbrew future cloudy as aristocratic Phones fraud Swedish bus firm families wage war over group strategy fear in Greece

Belgian brewer's global ambition may force a flotation, writes IAN KING

SKED to name the world's third biggest brewer, few would suggest a privately-owned outfit whose founding dynasties trace their brewing origins back to the late 18th century, let alone one based in little

The sale of Swedbus is part Yet Interprew's products are quaffed in every corner of the globe, and their brands — including Stella Artois, Hoe-gaarden and Oranjeboom have crept inexorably into the lexicon of the British drinker, attracting envious glances from rivals only too aware that premium lager is the best market to be in at present.

Interbrew was formed in 1987 from the merger of Belgium's two main breweries, which were dominated by the Jupiler and Stella Artois brands, but the bland Interbrew moniker disguises a provid family heritage.

The three founding families that still control the group, the de Spoelberch, Van Damme and de Mevius clans, are the direct descendants of the blueblooded Artois and Piedboeuf families that have dominated the Belgian brewing scene for

But the families realised that, to survive, a merger was since 1987 have sought ways to build on that base. ---

The deal that has propelled Interprew into one of the giants of world brewing was completed last July, doubling the company's size and turnover at a stroke and rewriting the Belgian corporate record

In an audacious C\$2.7 billion (£1.3 billion) swoop that startled many observers interbrew snapped up John La-batt, the Canadian brewer, eral rivals, including — it is thought — Carlsberg. Since then, it has wasted no time in stripping Labatt down to its essentials. The group's

broadcasting assets were first to go, sold to a management buy-out team and raising C\$600 million (£286 million). But the sales have, to an ex-tent, been forced on Inter-

brew. In buying Labatt, the group incurred debts of C\$1.6 billion, much of which was arranged on a short-term basis. The need to service this debt has raised suggestions strongly denied, that the company may even have to seek a

stock market flotation. Equally pressing, in the view of Interbrew's critics, is its need to thrash out a con-vincing global strategy. Although it has plenty of strong brands, with the list now boosted by Labatt's and Rolling Rock since last year's deal Interbrew has not got one in-dividual "powerhouse" name similar to its global rivals — names like Miller, Budweiser

More seriously, all of the successful brand-building empleted on behalf of th group has been done by other companies, such as the way Whitbread has built up Stella Artois in Britain.

Last week Interbrew signed a similar licensing agreement with Whithread for the Labatt brands, suggesting it intends to continue doing business in this way.

This may not be enough. A reported row over strategy with the shareholding familles has already lost Inter-brew its highly-rated Dutch chief executive, Hans Meer-loo, who quit late last year. Mr Meerloo had been cred-

ited with successfully developing the group's international expansion since it was formed. and, with industry gossip sug-gesting the rows have not sub-sided with his departure, observers are again raising questions about Interbrew's

Although the group denies it, a flotation may yet be

Contract placed by the state monopoly OTE is subject of

■HE Greek authorities appointed an investigating magistrate this week to look into allegations of fraud in the granting of a contract to supply digital switching

magistrate inquiry

systems to the state-owned telephone monopoly, OTE. The case involves a 1989 decision by OTE to grant a contract to Greece's Intrakon and Germany's Siemens to supply the public utility with more than one million digital switching systems worth more than 50 billion drachmas

A judicial council, made up of appeal court judges, appointed magistrate Giorgos Natiotis to determine if there was any fraud involved and if

against the two companies. Socratis Kokkalis, the chairman of Intrakom, and the Greek subsidiary of Siemens have both accuse their competitors of using the local press and some politicians to instigate the

investigation. They have said that the allegations are groundless and are designed to prevent the two companies from bidding for further contracts. OTE will make decisions

this year on a one trillion drachma (£2.7 billion) modernisation plan that includes the purchase of two million digital switches Siemens said further delays

in implementing the plan would force it to stop production in Greece by the end of the year. Intrakom and the various

companies that make up its group are the leading suppliers of equipment and related software in Greece with sales

Parisian protesters remind Chirac that election battle cry was to defend jobs — not destroy them

THE Paristan protester wearing a HR Paristan protester wearing a
Jacques Chirac mask bears a
banner reading: "Let's declare war
on unemployment" — a reminder of
the French president's election
pledge to tackle France's unemployment problem.

Workers took to the streets of the

French capital on Thursday in protest against government plans to reduce France's public sector deficit by cutting jobs. Support for the unions' calls for a day of action was reported to be patchy elsewhere in

Press reports suggest that the French government is seeking about 25,000 job cuts as part of its campaign to meet the debt and defi-cit criteria for monetary union laid down in the Maastricht treaty. Unions, keen to see the government redeem pledges to tackle un-employment, have called for a reduction in the working week rather than redundancies.

Alain Juppe, the prime minister, signalled that he was prepared to talk to the unions about their idea. Mr Juppé reportedly wants to keep next year's government spending pegged at current levels.

EC and industry join forces as bureaucracy-busters

Slimming regime aims to get internal | tervene before a draft directive becomes law, market fit. DAVID RUDNICK reports

ORE THAN 30 of Brit-ain's biggest and best-known companies assembled at the BT Centre in London to support Slim, the European Commission's longoverdue plan to simplify legis

lation for the internal market.
The brainchild of Italian commissioner Mario Monti, Slim is starting with a pilot scheme to simplify plant legis-lation and complex technical rules for construction products, as well as recognition of diplomas and the Intrastat system of compiling intra-

European Union trade data. In a break with the past, the team of bureaucracy-slim-mers will be made up not only of bureaucrats from the Commission and national civil serfected by Euro-rules and

regulations.

Mr Monti believes the initiative will give European

The Slim teams have been given a November deadline to report their findings in the four initial target areas.

among those most keen to see progress made. The London UK corporate and trade associations that want busipess to have a bigger — and earlier — say in formulating Euro-market legislation. The EBF welcomes Mr Monti's ini-

companies more competitive and boost sagging employ-ment across Europe. Effective UK company liai-

British companies are

meeting was organised by the European Business Foundation, an informal network of tiative, saying it will make

son with Brussels still seems heavily reliant on personal contacts. Many executives complain of the frustrations of discerning the Commission's intentions early enough to inPublic procurement

remains a notoriously nation-alistic nook in the formally free and competitive EU market. Complaints abound that advertisements and invitations to tender do not contain all the information would-be A number of British compa

nies intend to raise the issue with Mr Monti. "It's not easy," said one. "As soon as conversation with him gets off general principles and down to specific issues, he passes the buck to junior colleagues in specialist departments." . But the more general need is for clearer channels of communication between Brussels and British industry.

"Take this Slim initiative for example," said one, "The CBI newsletter seems to have been the main vehicle for in-formation but even so — and despite trade associations' best efforts - many UK companies still haven't even heard of its existence."

Update

□ Norwegian offshore engineer and shipbuilder Kvaerner said yesterday it had won a £50 million contract to build a 36,800-tonne dead weight chemical tanker for Norwegian shipper JO Tankers.

was given to its subsidiary. Kværner Govan, Britain's biggest shipbuilder, which will deliver the tanker in spring 1998. The contract was subject to satisfactory completion of financial conditions, a statement said.

Kvaerner said the contract

The vessel will be a sister ship to the Kvaerner Govanbuilt JO Selje, which has a full double hull for protection against cargo spillage and environmental damage. Two fur-ther ships have been built to the same design for JO Tank-

ers at Kvaerner's Floro shipyard in Norway.

☐ British Steel and the Dutch steel company Hoogovens said they would sue the European Commission over its decision to approve £38 million of aid to Irish Steel, Ireland's only steel-maker. The two companies claim the state aid amounts to unfair competition.

☐ The European Commission yesterday cleared the merger of the rigid plastic films businesses of Hoechst and Kloeckner-Werke. The plastic films are used in packaging and for making credit cards.

☐ Finland has cut its offinomic growth, but said con-

ditions were still favourable and the economy would start to pick up later this year. Citing slower-than-ex-pected growth in Europe and a sharp slowdown late last year in key sectors like forestry, the finance minis-try cut its 1996 growth forecast for gross domestic product to 3 per cent from 3.8 per cent in February.

□ Greece should take measures to cut its central government budget deficit in the near future or the shortfall will exceed its 1996 target by about one percentage point of gross domestic product, the International Monetary Fund said this week.

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Stocking up for welfare winter

Privatisation has failed to produce a whole new generation of equity-holding Sids. So who will fund the widely-promoted shift from cradle-to-grave security? PATRICK DONOVAN and SARAH RYLE report



Teenage fantasy turns to portfolio management

EFORE Hollywood's version of young enterprise, Risky Business, explored the men its of brothel-ownership, most schoolchildren believed running a sixth-form business involved produc-ing pen-holders and selling them to family and friends. Another defining mo-

kinds of sell-offs as the chance to make a quick buck. Far from creating a new in the real thing.
At London International

ties in just one company. reshaping government strat-egy, whichever party steps into power after the next elec-

The six-part report is as yet in draft form. But it is clear that its main conclusion will create ripples way beyond the Square Mile. For what the committee will essen-tially be saying is that pro-viding for one's personal ficrucial that it should be taught as a mandatory subject in secondary schools'

The acceptance here is that this is now becoming almost as fundamental a survival skill as being able to read and write in a post-welfare society Britain. Youngsters must be taught to fend for themselves financially in a world where the holes in the social security safety-net are getting bigger

We are not just talking about cheque book manage stand that only a stake in the

vocating wider share owner-

be that the electorate needs to be pushed into building up shares, pensions and other investments in order to bridge the gaps in state aid. But the debate does not stop

there. Given that both Labour and the Tories are set on managing down the public sector borrowing requirment to 3 per cent of GDP, well-placed bservers point out that there will continue to be a squee on central government funds

actually one million smaller than the all-time high of small investors after the huge elec-tricity privatisation back in 1990. The main engine driving public interest in share floats are punters who see these

generation of investors who want to build on portfolios of privatisation stocks, more than 50 per cent of the 10 mil-lion shareholders own equi-

This is the background surrounding the special Commit-tee which has been charged to examine the whole issue of in-vestment. Headed by representatives from NM Rothschild, Proshare and the Stock Exchange, it is finalising one of the industry's most exhaus tive reappraisals. And the con-clusions of the study are expected to play a key role in

nancial future is becoming s core curriculum

by the year.

ment and building societies. Proposals suggest the children should be taught how to save stock market can help them to leverage up enough savings to provide for their future in an increasingly uncertain world. Margaret Thatcher was ad-

ship on the grounds that share investors were more likely to vote Tory. Now the thinking seems to

ment in the history of youth financial development has now arrived. Moving on from the excitement of fantasy share dealing, teen-agers have begun to dabble

Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) this week, seven schools com-peted to be the hottest port-

folio managers. Among them was a comprehensive whose pupils un real-life investment clubs alongside fantasy teams. Pupils at Thornde School, at Chandler's Ford in Hampshire, decided tra-ditional savings accounts were just too unrewarding They have started to chan-nel their funds into the stock market instead. In true Blue Peter style, though, they have some

adults to help them. In a classroom after the final bell, text books are shoved to one side while forms are filled in with deal ing instructions and share updates. The pupils' economics teacher, Roger Scott, supervises.
Alasdair Page, aged 15, is in one of the school's two

investment clubs as well as the fantasy team, which reached the finals of this ear's competition organised by the share ownership promoters ProShare. He said: "We saw it work-ing well and making lots of money with the fantasy shares. There was a club last year and they did well. They increased their money by 47 per cent. I joined this year. Everybody put in an initial £30, and then every month we put in a minimum

£5, but most people put in a "We've got about £1,300

in two shares and the rest in cash. One of the pupils divides the money up, depending on what you put in, and her dad helps her." Mr Scott said: "They have

decided to concentrate on areas they are interested in. They know a lot about computer games and in some cases they have got in at the beginning of companies and done very well — one share actually doubled in value."

Thornden did not win one of the top three prizes, despite reporting the most profit on the nominal £20,000 that each club starts off with.

At £34,040.64, the five months' fantasy dealing put them well ahead of the eventual winner, Queen Elizabeth's School of Ashbourne, Kent, which fin-ished with £25,954.47. The winning papils booste their points with a slick presentation, and a strong performance in the financial

ProShare, the body set up to promote share ownership which organised the compe tition, stressed there was more to investment than

clocking up profit. Emma Rees, ProShare's communications executive. said the fantasy share game aimed to encourage teen-agers to take an informed approach to personal finance. To this end, the com pany has proposed a GCSE in personal finance.

And the fantasy game offered the sort of regulation which many investors might have wished existed at Barings Bank when Nick Leeson was at large. Teams were forced to create balanced portfolios covering a

range of sectors. Very few of the teenagers at Liffe this week want to dirty their hands on the dealing floor. Inverkeithing's Alexander McGregor, aged 17, summed up the gen-eral mood. "I don't think I could do that. I'd get a coronary." But most want to they are older.

As part of its investigapected to explore the radical concept of tapping the retail investment market to take a direct stake in major

For example, could not a large bridge project be fi-nanced by selling off bonds directly to individuals. underwritten by a local authority with a dividend yield guaranteed by income from pay-as-you-use toll on This links into the general

'stakeholder" debate and indeed the controversy over the short-term ism of big intitutional investors. Those close to the report point out that companies can

benefit in several ways by

persuading private individ-uals to take equity stakes. Firstly, there is evidence that consumers with a direct interest in a company are more inclined to buy its products. Secondly, experience has shown that individual investors are generally far more loyal to a management than institutional funds. Hence the more Sids a company can attract the less vulnerable to a contested

takeover.
This debate has yet to be fully aired in the public domain, but answers are needed fast. For bowever Chancellors juggle the budget, the concept of a cradieto-grave welfare society will join the Diplodocus as the extinct relic of a long-gone age.

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Art fails to imitate life



Roger Cowe

AKE no notice of the anguished technical debate about the state of the economy. Forget consumer spending, manufac-turing output, house prices One indicator above all others illustrates the level of feelgood factor in business - extravagance of the

annual report.
At the height of the 1980s boom, annual reports became elaborate confections that had little to do with the fundamental purpose of reporting the year's activi-ties to shareholders.

Burton Group, before the fall, once published its report as a fashion magazine. The Michael Peters design group showed what it could do with a pop-up edi-tion, while Pepe Jeans was notorious for the imbalance between size of the company and scale of its report. One other factor connects these three companies.

They all had a dreadful time immediately afterwards. making the state of the report a negative indicator

of company prospects. That is unlikely to be the case with GE Capital, the strong financial arm of General Electric of the US, which owns businesses in Britain ranging from TIP container leasing to store and credit cards. But judging by the company's annual report, published this week, the good times ere here again.

It is quite up with the worst standards of the 1980s — more sales brochure than serious financial document. As always with such things, the GE report has a spurious theme, which means that most of the book is filled with pretty pictures unrelated to the group's business. In this case the theme is art, on the basis that "the business of every

art is to bring something into existence", as the front cover declares, adding the non sequitur: "Our business is helping yours."

Worse follows. There is talk of "the fine art of finan-cial specialisation", and chief executive Gary Wendt explains why the "uncommon" presentation was cho-sen — "to allow the reader to sense how GE Capital people

develop uncommon, vision-

ary solutions to deal with

tomorrow's often unclear challenges". Mr Wendt adds that the group's artistic techniques are value, ser-vice and productivity.

It is certainly "uncom-mon" to regard value, service or productivity as techniques of any kind. But the bulk of the document is concerned with illustrating how GE brought these "techniques" to its customers. Such case studies are usu-

ally boring, which perhaps explains why they are used the art. But they are more meaningful than the preten tious comments on the art — the notion that Al Held's complex systems "reveal truths that are valuable to mankind and show that art can be a metaphor for contemporary life", or that a pile of TV screens can "humanise technology".

Readers are not expected to be interested in the fig-ures. So the annual ac-counts are not included, iust a condensed balance sheet and five-year summarised profit statement. But readers are given the address where the real annual report can be ob-

It shows that GE Capital's re-tax profits have risen from \$1.5 billion to \$3.5 billion in the past five ears. Now that's what you call the art of business.

Quick Crossword No 8135



Solution No 8134

Across 1 The latest (4,5,4) 8 The Merchant of Venice (7) 9 Trioxygen (5)

10 Place (only fit) for rubbish 11 Ratio eg of intelligence (8) 13 Drum (3-3) 14 Paper size (6)

17 Fair, generous, and a good loser (8) 19 Arabian sultanate (4) 21 Lengthwise or together (5) 22 Co-extensive part (7) 24 its opposite sides are equa

1 Expanse of water (3) 2 The best (7)

3 Boat - irish moneyi (4) 4 Departure (6) 5 Means of saving time or effort (5,3) 6 Call forth (5)

7 Malze (5,4) 10 Past mated (anag) (4,5) 12 European country (8) 15 Country walker or rose (7)

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